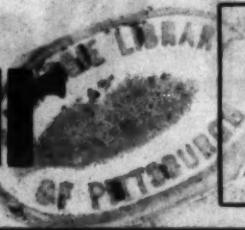


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TRUMAN CALLS WAR SESSION

Stage Seen Set for Draft Law; Will Address Congress Tomorrow

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The White House announced today that President Truman will go before a joint session of Congress Wednesday to speak on the foreign situation. The announcement added new fuel to the flames of war hysteria raging in the Capital for the past several days. Democratic and Republican congressional leaders professed to be taken completely by surprise and none was willing to predict what the President would say.

Speaker of the House Joseph Martin (R-Mass) told reporters that Matt Connally, the President's secretary, had telephoned the request that a joint session of the two houses be arranged.

"All I know," said Martin, "is that the President has some new information on the foreign situation he wants to give the Congress."

However, it was believed in some quarters that the stage was being set for a dramatic demand for enactment of the program worked out by the Forrestal conference at the Key West Navy Yard over the past weekend.

It was also thought possible the President would ask for stand-by authority to send troops to Italy in the event of a Communist left-wing victory in April 18 elections.

The Key West conference, headed by Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal, was attended by the National Security Council and such representatives of the brass hats as Navy Admiral Leahy and Gen. Albert Wedemeyer. The program evolved at that conference is said to include immediate enactment of universal military training for youths 17 to 19, and re-enactment of the draft for boys 19 and over. It would also provide for rapid upbuilding of the airforce beyond the limits set in the President's current budget.

"EMERGENCY POWERS"

A wide variety of broad "emergency" powers will be asked by the President, according to this report.

That the armed forces manpower requirements will be one of the subjects under discussion was indicated late today when the Senate Armed Services Committee announced postponement of a scheduled appearance of Secretary of State George C. Marshall. Marshall advised the committee that he thought it desirable for him to testify after the President addressed Congress. His appointment was accordingly shifted to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

It was also considered possible, however, that the

An Editorial

President Truman is trying to panic the nation—this is the reason for tomorrow's joint session of Congress. This is the real "reign of terror."

Truman is preparing the ground for landing marines in Italy to rob the Italian people of a fair election and their right to determine their own affairs.

Truman is trying to underwrite a military alliance with the bankrupt states of western Europe, the new anti-Komintern Axis.

A president who can't win the confidence of his own people this November, and knows it, is trying to panic the world and bulldoze America.

He wants to put over military training. He wants to supermilitarize the country. He wants to take attention and criticism away from the failures and betrayals of his foreign policy.

Every American who resists this bulldozer drive toward war is a patriot defending the true national interest.

Let Truman be told that—today.



Byrnes Backs War Moves: The former Secretary of State addressing graduating class of Citadel Military Academy, Charleston, S.C., proposed U.S. "action" against the Soviet Union. He called for immediate reenactment of a draft law and a larger air force.

CIO PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS SET TO WALK OUT TODAY

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Six-Year-Old Boy Killed; Third 'Death Corner' Victim

By Louise Mitchell

The third child to be killed at "death corner" near P. S. 147 on the lower East Side died yesterday when he was struck by a truck on his way home for lunch.

Charles Verdon, six-years-old, was crushed against the pavement of Scammel and East Broadway by a hit-and-run driver who dashed down the closed play street at 11:30 a.m. News of the death delayed the lunch dismissal in the school until after noon so that the children would not see the first grader bleeding in the gutter with eyes gouged out.

News of the death also brought policemen immediately to the area, where three children have been killed and five injured during the past six months. Last February, neighborhood mothers staged a patrol and human chain to protect the school children to and from school.

YELLOW RECTANGLE

A large rectangle in yellow chalk about four feet long was drawn at the Scammel St. corner where the boy's body was crumpled. Ashes had been thrown into the rectangle to sop up the blood which still could be seen late yesterday afternoon.

The youngster was on his way home to 505 Grand St., where his grandmother, Mrs. Rose Giambertone, operates a candy store. Mr. William and Grace Verdon, the child's parents, live over the store with the grandmother, who has owned the small store for the past 18 years.

Sonia Margolesky who runs a delicatessen at 503 Grand St. mopped her red eyes as she talked about the boy.

"He played with my little boy all day yesterday," she cried. "He was the smartest little thing you ever saw. I don't say that because he's dead. When he went to call for my boy at Hebrew school he would put on a little black cap because he knew it was a Jewish custom. He used to love to sing and dance and did it so well."

He was like my own son, she kept repeating.

"When I heard there was an accident I asked his grandmother to watch my store," she continued. "I ran to the school, and when I saw his coat on the ground my heart shivered."

When she saw the body put into yellow wrapping paper, she knew the child was dead. Running back home, she was met by Charlie's mother running to school asking who it was.

"I don't know," I told her. I said, "I didn't see the face."

Mrs. Margolesky told the grandmother the same thing. The older woman left the store unattended and rushed to the spot, where she fell to the ground in a dead faint. Two doctors tried to revive her at home later. Numbly by the loss, the old woman kept asking that a public

funeral be held so that all the children could learn the truth.

NEIGHBORS GATHER

In the Verdon apartment in the ramshackle three-story house, a large crowd of neighbors were gathered together in the kitchen with many aunts, sisters of Mrs. Verdon, dressed in black. The parents were not at home in the afternoon.

"My sister, Charlie's mother, can't come to herself," cried Mrs. Florence Zlassi, who was holding her 16-month-old Frankie Junior, confused by all the noise and people. "He was her only child, her only child."

"Such wonderful people," said a neighbor, "and they have had so much trouble."

Miss Adeline Giambertone, another aunt, sat dazed in tears. Pinned close to her heart was a large silver cross.

"Oh, oh, oh," was all she could say as she broke into repeated crying.

"Let me say this," said Mrs. Zlassi. "If they had had a policeman it wouldn't have happened to our Charlie. It wouldn't have happened to any child."

The Parents Association of PS 14 recently staged a chain across Scammel and Gouverneur Sts. after seven-year-old Billy Schneir was killed by a truck. CIO Communications strikers helped them in their demonstrations. After numerous protests, the police department placed a traffic light at the corner but reneged, according to the parents, on its promise to keep the corner policed during school hours.

The parents group scheduled a protest meeting last night at the Henry Street Settlement, 265 Henry St.

The funeral is expected to take place tomorrow (Wednesday).

4 Killed in Harvester Blast

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 15 (UP).—Four men were killed and eight seriously wounded today when an explosion ripped the motor-testing building at the Louisville plant of International Harvester Co. The explosion tore holes in the walls of the building and scattered tractors like toys.

PM Swan-Song Headlines Scream Pro-War, Anti-Soviet Hysteria

The editors of PM are not waiting for the contract to be signed before fitting themselves into a more vociferous pro-war political policy for their new boss—they are already doing it in print.

All the main stories in PM yesterday plugged the war hysteria now being pumped out of official Washington. The main item, shouted in four big black headlines on the front page, reported in a story written in New York that some unnamed and completely unidentified "Czech refugees" claimed that former Czech Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk was murdered. No proof was cited in the story, which had

nothing in it to warrant the screaming play given it by PM's editors.

Other main stories included:

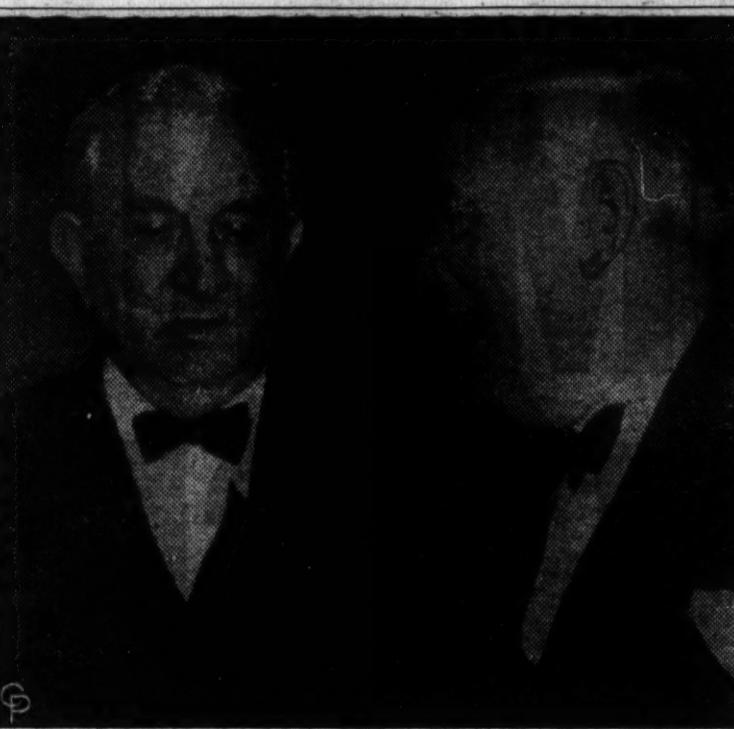
- U. S. Set for 'Major Move' to Halt Soviet Expansion.

- Can U. S. A. Do Business With Communism—a full page article in which the answer was "no."

- Allen Reveals Quiet U. S. Moves for Showdown.

- Winchell Urges U. S. Airforce to Stop Stalin.

Another member of PM's staff yesterday found it necessary publicly to dissociate himself from the paper's line. Following the lead of Albert Deutsch last week,



Rush ERP Before Italy Vote: Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich) at right, with Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex) after the Senate had passed by 69-17 the \$5,300,000,000 Marshall Plan bill. Vandenberg and Connally pushed quick passage by Democratic and Republicans before Italy's election, April 18. Bill now goes to the House.

Armed Maniac Kills Schoolboy, Shoots 5

A schoolboy was killed yesterday by a maniac armed with two guns who opened fire into a group of boys at West 61st St., near Columbus Ave. Four boys were wounded. The dead boy's name was Thomas Brady, of 839 W. 179th St.

With a screaming group of police, passersby and students in pursuit, the maniac ran down Columbus Ave., halting for a few moments to shoot into the crowd. A Department of Sanitation worker was hit by a bullet, the fifth to be wounded.

The maniac, who was 65, was overcome in a building on West 63rd St., after being surrounded by radio and emergency police and foot patrolmen. He gave his name as Marco Markovitch.

As far as police could determine, Markovitch approached a group of boys outside the 12th Regiment Armory. All were pupils of the Power Memorial Academy, a parochial high school at 47 Amsterdam Ave.

The police described Markovitch as a "fanatic with a hatred of Roman Catholics." They quoted him as saying that he intended to kill "all the Catholics I could."

"I lost my head and tried to kill them," the police quoted him as saying. They said he was a native of Yugoslavia who came to this country 40 years ago.

The wounded boys were rushed to the Roosevelt Hospital. The condition of two of the victims was said to be critical.

State Dep't Deadpans Refusal Of Zion Passport to Magil

WASHINGTON, March 15.—A State Department spokesman today denied that the refusal of a passport to A. B. Magil was discrimination against the Daily Worker. He said other correspondents of the Daily Worker are not being refused passports. This statement

came when Special Assistant Michael J. McDermott was asked to comment on the telegram to John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker, urging Secretary of State Marshall to reverse the department's decision refusing a passport for Magil to go to Palestine. McDermott said it was quite true that Magil has been refused a passport "in the interest of the United States." He said this does not mean that other correspondents of the Daily Worker are being refused.

McDermott declined to answer, saying that this involved matters in the department's files. He did not amplify this statement.

A. B. Magil urged two leading members of the American delegation to the conference of the United Nations Commission on Freedom of Information at Geneva, Switzerland, to bring his case before the meeting and ask the State Department to reverse its decision.

The radiograms were sent to Prof. Zechariah Chafee Jr. of Harvard Law School and Harry Martin, president of the American Newspaper Guild. Magil said in his request to Prof. Chafee:

"I have been denied a passport by the State Department as correspondent of the Daily Worker assigned to Palestine on the ground that it would not serve the best interests of the United States."

This is a serious blow at freedom of the press and is contrary to the position taken by the American delegation at the UN Commission on Freedom of Information. I request that you take up this matter at the Geneva conference of your commission and with the State Department in an effort to secure a reversal of a dangerous precedent. I am airmailing further details.

Magil sent a similar message to Martin. The State Department had attempted to deny Martin a passport because he had given a contribution to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

Capital Parley On Ingram Case

Delegations from a dozen cities will meet in Washington Thursday to press for action in the case of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two teen-age sons, sentenced to death by an all-white Georgia jury for the self-defense killing of a white farmer.

Reports reaching the Daily Worker indicate that cities as far north as Boston, and St. Louis in the West, have committees working for the Ingrams' defense.

The New York delegation will assemble in Pennsylvania Station at 7:30 a.m. Thursday. In Washington the delegates will meet in the offices of the Civil Rights Congress, and proceed from there to see the President and Attorney General.

Minneapolis School Strike in 4th Week

MINNEAPOLIS, March 15 (UPI).—School teachers turned down the Board of Education's "best offer" today as the public school strike entered its fourth week.

The teachers voted down a six-point proposal made by superintendent of schools Willard Goslin. The vote was 890 to 26.

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

THE position of our State Department on the coming Italian elections is entirely reasonable. We will permit no outside interference by the Italian people.

200,000 Miners Stop Work

California Wallace Party Assured of Place on Ballot

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Assured of its place on the ballot, the Independent Progressive Party of California pushed ahead today to consider endorsement and to complete its platform and organization for the June 1 primary. IPPC state director Elinor Kahn reported today that 294,439 valid signatures, nearly 19,000 more than needed, have been certified to the California Secretary of State, with more to come from two counties, where the check is not quite complete.

Los Angeles County last night certified 155,819 valid signatures, confounding commercial newspaper "experts" who had been speculating publicly that its total might fall short and keep the new party off the ballot.

The Secretary of state's official certification of the new party is expected by March 26.

The IPPC platform committee will meet here Friday, the state executive committee Saturday and the state organizing committee Sunday.

As the first state party to qualify, the IPPC's victory will stimulate the work of the national Wallace for President Committee meeting in Chicago April 10, where plans will be made for a national convention and the national campaign, Miss Kahn said.

Attlee Decrees 'Loyalty' Purge

LONDON, March 15 (UP).—Prime Minister Clement Attlee announced in Commons today that all Communists and Communist sympathizers will be purged from vital government jobs.

Attlee's speech was interrupted several times by Communist Members of Parliament and Laborites who oppose such action. Communist William Gallacher leaped to his feet in the middle of Attlee's announcement and sang the "Red Flag" anthem.

To Send British Troops to Accra

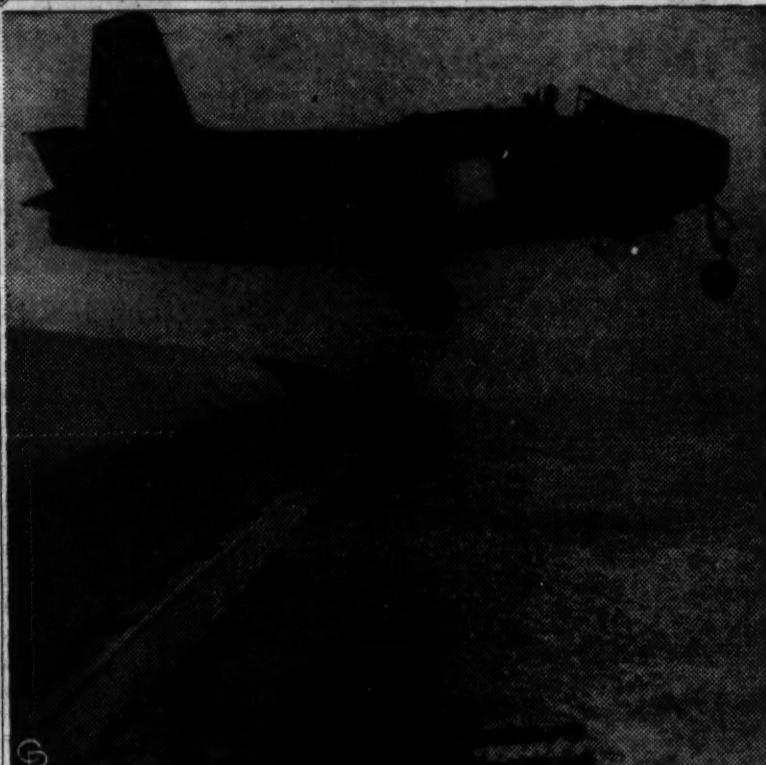
LONDON, March 15 (Telepress).—Orders have been issued by the War Office to the commanding officer at Gibraltar, that he must be prepared, if necessary, to dispatch a battalion of British troops from his garrison to Accra, capital of the Gold Coast Colony in Africa.

These orders follow receipt here of reports that there is a rising tide of anger among the native population of Accra as a result of the shooting down (at the cost of 14 dead and 150 wounded) of a peaceful procession of ex-service men who were marching on Feb. 28, to present to the Governor a petition presenting their grievances.

The Colonial Office in London has endeavored unscrupulously to justify this crime by attributing what it calls the "disturbance" to "Communist agitation."

Meyer Gets 20 Months

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers today was sentenced to serve from 20 months to five years in jail for inducing a wartime associate to lie to a Congressional committee.



First Sea Jet Takeoff: The FJ-1 jet fighter takes off from the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Boxer off San Diego, Calif. This was the first jet takeoff from a carrier at sea. The planes have a speed over 550 miles per hour and a range over 1,500 miles.

U.S. Queries Arabs and Jews on Truce Proposal

Special to the Daily Worker

LAKE SUCCESS, March 15.—Spokesmen for the Arabs and the Jews were formally asked today whether they would agree to a truce in the Holy Land. The question—a key step in the State Department's play to delay or scrap the UN's partition plan—came from the United States, France and China.

The Soviet Union, which did not join in the queries to the Arabs and Jews, did not object.

In addition to the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee, the trial balloon for a truce was also addressed to the Arab states—Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Iraq.

The Big Four spokesman had met at the Empire State Building offices of the Chinese delegate, H. F. Tsiang.

DELAY COUNCIL MEET

The Security Council meeting, scheduled to hear the Big Four report, was held over until Tuesday afternoon.

Tomorrow morning, Warren Austin, chief of the U. S. delegation, Alexandre Parodi of France, and the Chinese delegate meet again in Andrei Gromyko's headquarters at 680 Park Ave.

Trygve Lie, the UN Secretary General, took part in the discussions.

While Jewish spokesmen indicated a tentative attitude toward the truce, a spokesman for the Arab Higher Committee broke the committee's boycott of the Big Four and UN parleys, but refused to commit himself on the truce proposal. ZIONIST QUERIED

It was revealed that on Friday, the two top Zionist leaders, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Moshe Sherstok, had been asked informally by the U.S. delegate, it is assumed—whether the Jewish Agency would cooperate in the truce idea.

They replied that the Jewish forces might cease fire for a matter of hours to test out the Arab

PITTSBURGH, March 15. (UP).—About half the nation's 400,000 soft coal miners took a "hint" from John L. Lewis and went on strike today to force the operators to grant \$100 a month pensions. A United Press survey showed 196,850 miners idle in 10 states as a result of the charge of the mine union chief that the operators had "dishonored" and "defaulted" their agreement with the United Mine Workers by failing to set up a pension plan for aged miners.

Marcantonio, Rankin in Radio Debate

Vito Marcantonio will debate Rep. John E. Rankin on FEPC, over the Mutual national network tomorrow night (Wednesday) 8:00 to 8:30. The program will be heard in New York on Station WOR.

Some mines went down on the second shift today, and there was every indication that the strike would continue to spread tomorrow. Observers believed the government would intervene swiftly.

The stoppage spread like wildfire as the results of Lewis' letter to all unions charging that soft coal operators had defaulted on their contract with the union by failing to set up a pension plan.

Lewis did not call a strike.

The stoppages were expected to grow daily until virtually the entire bituminous industry is closed down.

Under Lewis' pension proposal, miners over 60 with 20 years service, would receive \$1,200 a year. On the basis of a Pittsburgh UMW official's estimate that one out of 10 miners in his district would be eligible for the pensions, the national pension cost would total \$48,000,000 a year, without administrative expenses. The union proposed financing the plan through the welfare fund royalties paid by the operators.

SEE GOVT INTERVENTION

The government was reported preparing to step into the dispute if the walkout becomes general. Under the Taft-Hartley Labor Law, the President can halt for about 80 days strikes which he believes endanger the national health or safety.

Hardest hit of the coal fields were those of West Virginia, the largest bituminous producing state. At least 87,000 of the state's 104,000 miners refused to work.

The Southern Coal Producers Association, whose member mines produce 30 percent of the nation's coal, said only 15 percent of their pits were operating.

U. S. Steel Corp. reported nine of its 14 Pennsylvania mines closed with 7,000 miners idle and production off 33,000 tons a day. Republic Steel had nine of its 13 mines. Jones & Laughlin Steel's three pits were closed.

10-DAY STOCKPILE

Republic Steel said it had sufficient coal stockpiled for several weeks, but U. S. Steel said if the strike continued 10 days it would be forced to curtail steel making.

2-Hour General Strike in Sicily

ROME, March 15.—A two-hour general strike throughout Sicily was staged today in protest against "political terrorism."

The strike was called to protest the killing of two Communist union organizers.

UE Head Takes Top Post on Wallace Body

By Arnold Sroog

Albert Fitzgerald, president of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (UE), yesterday assumed co-chairmanship of the Wallace for President Committee and predicted that "many other labor leaders are . . . going to step on the bandwagon."

At a press conference with Henry Wallace, at the latter's campaign headquarters at 39 Park Ave., Fitzgerald asserted that the "rank and file of organized labor are way ahead" of their leaders on support for Wallace, "more so than most politicians and some labor leaders believe."

Wallace sharply challenged "the extraordinary war hysteria that has been generated here in recent months," and demanded that the Truman Administration reveal whether messages had been sent out to all former members of draft boards to stand by for immediate resumption of their wartime duties. He also demanded that the Truman Administration explain reports that Spain was to be admitted to the Marshall Plan and that Italy would be excluded if the left bloc emerged as the biggest party from the election next month.

"The people have a right to know if these rumors are true," Wallace declared. "Is it because we really want a war to start—if we don't, why do we rattle sabers?"

He added another question to the Administration on the report that U. S. Ambassador James C. Dunn had demanded of the DeGasperi Government in Italy the right to land U. S. naval units. He warned that continuation of the present hysteria could lead to war.

"We of the new party," he continued, "don't believe a war is inevitable, we believe it can be prevented. We're going to do everything to stop it."

Questioned by reporters on the Finnish situation, Wallace declined to answer, saying developments there were not yet clear. He referred to his earlier statements on Czechoslovakia and said that if he had known then the facts he knows now about the activities of U. S. Ambassador to Prague Laurence (Continued on Page 10)

Save Life of RH Twins by Draining and Replacing Blood

HOLYOKE, Mass., March 15 (UP).—For the first time in medical history, doctors at Providence Hospital have saved the lives of twin babies by draining the blood from their bodies and replacing it with blood free of the fatal RH factor.

The operation was performed yesterday on the newborn daughters of Mrs. Anthony Zabelski, 32. The technique was developed at Boston's Children's Hospital 18 months ago, but never before was used on twins.

"It was a race against time," said Dr. Henry Burkhardt, "since we did not suspect there were RH antibodies in the children's blood until after birth. Then it was necessary to cleanse their circulatory systems completely within 12 hours or death would have been inevitable."

REGULAR FELLERS—Timely Problem

By GENE BYRNES



Farm Union Convention Rejects Red-Baiting

By Lem Harris

DENVER, March 15.—The national convention of the Farmers Union concluded here after overwhelmingly voting down a proposal to write into its national program red-baiting and anti-Communist proposals. The decision came after debate by 36 farmer speakers. The vote was 169,000 against the amendment, and 74,000 for. Twenty-five speakers warned that the course of red-baiting was the course of disaster.

"Take one sip of red-baiting poison today," said Fred Stover, president of the Iowa division, "and tomorrow you will get drunk on it and be shouting for the Truman Doctrine. The next day you will be praising the Greek government and forgetting conditions in Mississippi and Alabama."

Main spokesman against red-baiting was Glenn Talbott, president of the North Dakota Division.

"We are not arguing communism," he said, "but whether we are ready to lend ourselves to the camp of red-baiting. I will never participate, even in the tiniest way, in this campaign to destroy everything we stand for. I will fight red-baiting until the Thomas Committee gets me and locks me up."

CITES EVIL EFFECTS

Earlier, Talbott had devoted his entire report, as chairman of the national board of the Farmers Union, to an eloquent warning of all the evil effects that have flowed from the anti-red propaganda.

Talbott added that red-baiting was used to scare folks while the Taft-Hartley Law was being put over. Red-baiting was used to kill the OPA he declared, and "so today farmers are 19 percent worse off, in spite of high prices."

Red-baiting, he also stressed, is being used against the farm cooperatives, and against the Farmers' Union itself.

Ernest Dean of Kansas had proposed the amendment which touched off the debate. He used wording taken from the North Dakota 1948 program, which was of a red-baiting character. But the North Dakota delegation repudiated this wording and voted solidly against it.

Dean's supporters were mostly from Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Hank Williams, North Dakota, recalled how drought struck western North Dakota some years ago and "blowed out the land twice as deep as it was plowed." He told how many of his neighbors became Communists then, and how he might well have become one too. "Under a democracy, I have a right to be a Communist, and work with

ELECTION of NATIONAL OFFICERS—TODAY!

Polls open from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Voting at MANHATTAN CENTER, 34th St. and Eighth Ave., N.Y.C. Long Island workers vote at COURT SQUARE HALL, 24-28 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- Vote according to shop schedule
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REGRULAR FELLERS—Timely Problem

Demo District Leader Spurns Convention Bid

Hostility of New York rank-and-file Democrats toward President Truman has caused one Democratic district leader to refuse to attend the Democratic National Convention.

James Power, leader of Brooklyn's 13th A. D., in spurning the nomination for convention delegate, told his party that he refused to "fiddle while Palestine burns."

While lower-rung Democratic officials have been muttering against Truman for some time, this is the first open break in the party's official lines in the city.

Indicative of pro-Wallace sentiment among the Democratic rank-and-file in some areas is the report that about 70 percent of all Democrats approached in Brooklyn's 24th district (Brownsville-East New York) signed nominating petitions for an insurgent pro-Wallace group which is challenging the regular organization in the party primary.

The regular Democratic organization, fighting to retain its leadership, is now posing as being pro-Wallace itself.

Wallace leaders in the district estimate privately that, as of now, about 80 percent of the people in the district will vote for Wallace.

Conviction of 9 Negro Strikers Reversed

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—The U. S. Supreme Court today reversed the convictions of nine Winston-Salem, N.C., Negroes who were sentenced to prison terms for "strike violence" in 1946. The court held they were unconstitutionally tried under a system which systematically excluded Negroes from juries.

The court refused for the second time to review the conviction of Leon Josephson, Communist, who was sentenced to a year in jail for refusing to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The Supreme Court also:

Agreed to decide whether New York State violated the free-press guarantee of the constitution when it outlawed the best-selling book, "Memoirs of Hecate County" by Edmund Wilson on the charge of obscenity.

The New York courts had fined Doubleday & Co., publishers, \$1,000 and ordered them to suppress the volume.

Decided, 8 to 1, that collection of damages for rent ceiling violations is not limited to a one-year period before the suit was brought. This reversed a lower court ruling in a case involving a Mooresville, Ind., landlord.

Refused to order the release of Tony Marino, Illinois prisoner who has served 23 years of a life term. The High Court previously had ruled that Illinois violated Marino's constitutional rights in his trial for murder in 1925. But its action today left it up to the state to release or re-trial him.

The three newsmen said they were sent to give routine coverage to a Klan meeting and cross-burning at Pine Mountain near Manchester, Ga., 30 miles from here, on Friday night.

Klanmen seized them, the newsmen said, manhandled them and handed each a pint of whiskey with instructions to either drink it or have it forced down. They drank the whiskey, they said, and then the Klanmen injected them in the arms and legs with hypodermic syringes apparently containing drugs.

The Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, employers of the three newsmen, pressed for the investigation and opened a campaign against the Klan. The Enquirer won a Pulitzer prize in 1928 for an exposé of the hooded order.

Governor M. E. Thompson said he would direct the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to look into the charges made by Jim Bellows and Carlton Johnson, reporters, and Joe Talbot, photographer.

In Washington, Attorney General Tom Clark indicated that FBI agents would be assigned to check

Eisler to Speak At Conference

The sixth annual conference of the German American will hear Gerhart Eisler discuss recent events in Germany. The conference will be held Sunday, March 21, at the Victoria Room of the Irving Plaza, and will discuss the role of German Americans in the Wallace campaign as well as support for the democratic forces in Germany.

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the operation, when the limestone was taken from around his heart like "peeling an orange," Beshara's recovery has been steady and progressive.

Beshara still faces one more operation—for the removal of the bullet which originally caused the trouble.

LIMESTONE CASING AROUND CONVICT'S HEART REMOVED

COLUMBUS, O., March 15 (UP).

Ohio State University surgeons today reported the removal of a layer of limestone which had completely encased the heart of a 30-year-old convict of Youngstown, O.

The operation was performed Feb. 24 by staff members of the university's Department of Research Surgery on Harry R. Beshara, serving a three-year sentence for unarmed robbery.

The limestone casing around Beshara's heart was the result of an accidental bullet wound suffered in 1932 when he was 14 years of age. The limestone casing began forming seven years after the bullet lodged in his heart.

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Foster Tells of Dire Poverty in Puerto Rico

By Art Shields

The flush of anger was in William Z. Foster's face yesterday as he talked of the terrible poverty he had just been witnessing on America's island colony of Puerto Rico.

The American Communist Party, and the workers it represents, will not rest until Puerto Rico has won its independence, said Foster.

"The misery that American imperialism has brought to the island strikes one like a blow," said the national chairman of the Communist Party, in an interview with the Daily Worker in his office at 35 E. 12 St.

"The slums of San Juan and Puerto Rico sugar lands are the worst I have ever seen in my life," he declared.

Foster said he had promised a mass meeting of nearly 2,000 men and women in San Juan March 10

N. Y. Rally to Hear Foster Thursday

William Z. Foster will tell a mass meeting in Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Ave., Thursday night about his visit to Puerto Rico. Also speaking at the meeting will be Consuelo Saez, dynamic young educational director of the Puerto Rican Communist Party, who accompanied Foster on his visit through El Fuanguito, the huge slum district in the marshlands of San Juan.

George Blake, executive secretary of the Communist Party in Manhattan, who also visited Puerto Rico, will speak too. Juan Emmanuel, organizer of the Lower Manhattan section of the Party, will be chairman.

that American Communists will work harder than ever for the independence of the Puerto Rican nation.

Foster said he told the meeting: "We pledge you our word to intensify our efforts to bring the cause of Puerto Rico before the workers and democratic masses of the United States and not to relax until Puerto Rico had succeeded in taking its just place among the free nations of the world."

CHEER INDEPENDENCE

Foster said that the big theater where the meeting was held, rang with applause every time the word "Independence" was mentioned.

The demand for independence has risen higher than ever among the people as economic conditions got worse, he reported.

Prices under the American flag in Puerto Rico are higher than they are in New York, said Foster.

Wages are only one third as much.

And unemployment is rising. "That's why 300,000 Puerto

Ricans have fled to New York," he declared.

President Truman's recent visit to the island was a flop, Foster reported. The people saw Truman as a symbol of their oppression. The President was picketed. People kept away from him. And they resented the way he brushed off their real problems in his talk.

Foster said the people were indignant at the State Department for denying a visa to Juan Marinello, Cuban Senator and chairman of the Popular Socialist (Communist) Party. Marinello was to have spoken with Foster.

"The people felt the State Department's action as an insult to Puerto Rico," said Foster. "Marinello had been officially invited to visit Puerto Rico by the Legislature. The mayor of Puerto Rico and the Venezuelan consul and Puerto Rican labor leaders were on a reception committee to greet him."



CONSUELO SAEZ, educational director of the Puerto Rican Communist Party, will speak with Foster at Manhattan Center Thursday night.

ECONOMIC ISSUES

Business Spurts Only In Armament Shares

By Labor Research Assn.

HEAVY DEMAND SENDS Armament Shares Higher as Public Seeks to Capitalize on Fear." This is the type of headline the American people hoped they would never see again. But here it is in last Thursday's Journal of Commerce. Below it the story ran:

"Heavy buying developed for armament shares yesterday as traders and investors sought to capitalize on their nervousness over the international situation. The net result was strength in aviation manufacturing, shipbuilding and similar issues. The feeling was that such companies would benefit from preparedness moves."

This is what is known as "good news" in Wall Street. But it is obviously not "the public" that is either "capitalizing" on this more "bullish" situation or rejoicing at the boiling cold war against the Soviet Union.

THESSE MOVEMENTS of the armaments stocks, however, have so far had little to do with the general trend of heavy industry. But if they foretell activity in these lines they might tend to buttress business where some of the other economic props have been weakening.

"There has already been evidence of less aggressive buying of new machinery," the same Journal of Commerce announced earlier in the week.

Although new plant and equipment programs of U. S. industry call for expenditures of some \$16,000,000,000 this year, or a dollar total equal to the 1947 figure, this trade daily admits that after these programs have been completed, manufacturers are going "to be more hesitant about embarking upon new outlays of similar magnitude."

The extent of these future capital outlays, monopolist spokesmen would have us believe, will depend on how generous the government is in permitting heavier depreciation allowances and in reducing corporation taxes.

ACTUALLY, HOWEVER, the prospective market for goods made by the new plants and equipment will be the determining factor. If greater numbers of the people have been priced out of the market and buyer resistance increases,



the future demand for goods will look uncertain to the capitalists.

Plans for expansion will be scaled down or abandoned. Industrial building will be curtailed.

When this occurs we may be certain that the expected economic crisis is not so far away. Unless of course "the cold war heats up seriously," as this trade daily puts it. In which case "all bets are off."

Meantime, the decline in consumer goods production, as we have noted before, seems to reflect a drying up of people's purchasing power. Already some plants in this field are slowing down as a result of "over-production," while "inventory buying" by wholesalers and retailers has practically ceased.

WE NOTE AGAIN various evidences of curtailed consumer spending as the food stores take a bigger and bigger cut out of our dollars. Hence the sour reports in other branches of retailing and the gloomy prospects for so-called pre-Easter spending. The market for many consumer goods seems to be sinking steadily.

A falling off in furniture sales at retail outlets brings some drop in production. Slumps are reported also in the sales of tires, radios and washing machines. Electrical appliances are called "one of the weakest spots" in the sales picture. Department stores in New York report sales of major electrical appliances down 20 percent to 25 percent compared with a year ago.

Drops are reported also in the sales of shoes, leather goods, various types of clothing and textiles, while plants making low-priced textiles are reported laying off workers.

Women's wear sales are apparently not up to expectations, despite the "New Look." A dispatch from Los Angeles to the Women's Wear Daily last week said that a number of manufacturers "sadly predict that serious unemployment in sections of the garment trades here may soon be a reality. Many shops are getting a real touch of idleness as a result of scarcity of orders."

These signs do not make an early recession certain but they indicate pretty clearly, as the business papers incline to agree, that the "bloom is off the boom."

Rule T-H Ban on Union Political Expenditures Unconstitutional

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Federal Judge Ben Moore ruled that the Taft-Hartley ban on political "expenditures" by unions is unconstitutional. The ruling on the case in which CIO President Philip Murray is the defendant, did not, however, touch on a union's right to make direct "contributions" for political campaign or parties.

The test, the first on the law's political ban on unions was based on the charge that the CIO used its official weekly, the CIO News, to advance the candidacy of Edward A. Garmatz in a Baltimore Congressional by-election. Upholding the grounds upon which Lee Pressman, counsel for the CIO, in the case challenged the law, Judge Moore said:

"I am of the opinion that the questioned portion of section 304 of the act is an unconstitutional abridgement of freedom of speech, press and freedom of assembly."

The Judge declared that the words in the disputed sections of the law "have only one meaning" and the CIO's activities for Garmatz came within their scope. But the law "fails to survive the constitutional test."

The Judge even stated that it is the duty of a publication to keep its readers informed.

"How are they ((the people)) to get such information concerning the views of laboring men and women if the organization in and through which such persons are united in a common purpose is forbidden to

publish any views whatsoever?"

He added that such constitutional rights for labor are "at no time . . . so vital as when they are exercised during, preceding or following an election."

"If they were permitted only at a time when they could have no effect on influencing public opinion, and denied at the very time and in relation to the very matters that are calculated to give the rights value, they could lose their precious character with which they have

been clothed from the beginning of our national life."

While union "expenditures" for political activities are held legal, the law's ban of direct contributions for a political campaign or to a political party, is still untested.

Labor's financial activities in the political field thus far have been confined to voluntary contributions from members through special organizations such as the CIO-PAC and AFL's Political Education League.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN MICHIGAN HIGHEST SINCE PRE-WAR DAYS

LANSING, Mich., March 15.—Welfare and unemployment compensation offices here report a total of 234,502 were on social security unemployment rolls or on direct relief in February. These figures mark an all-time high since before the war. A 30,000 layoff at the Ford River Rouge plant this week has increased the figure.

On direct relief in the state are

71,801. On unemployment compensation on a state scale are 99,800.

In Detroit, 15,000 World War II veterans are jobless. The bulk of those now receiving layoffs are Negro workers and women.

Others receiving state aid are 91,152 old age pensioners. Families who get assistance because of inability to support their children number 70,084.

British Unionists Back Wallace

LONDON (ALN).—The Lancashire and Cheshire Trade Council, representing all unionists, in the area, has cabled Henry Wallace that he has revived the "great hope that President Roosevelt gave in the dark days of 1940-41."

In a message approved by the council's annual conference and signed by Ellis Smith, council president and Labor Member of Parliament, the council predicts that "there will be those on both sides of the Atlantic who will regard this expression of solidarity with the enlightened people of U. S. as an act of interference."

It adds, however, that neither the British people nor the American people chose the policies that have "divided the world into two camps at a time when it is essential to unite the peoples in the face of the growing menace of atomic war."

The message expresses the hope that the recent sweeping victory of Rep. Leo Isacson as third party candidate in New York is "the shape of things to come."

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VIRGIL—True or False



Anti-3d Party Vote Jammed Through In Cleveland CIO

Special to the Daily Worker

CLEVELAND, March 15.—The anti-third party stand of the national leadership of the CIO was jammed through for endorsement in the local Industrial Union Council here in a meeting marked by disorder and disregard for the qualifications of those who voted. James Quinn, administrator of the CIO Council, informed the delegates that regardless of how they cast their ballots, the resolution backing Philip Murray's policy would be considered adopted.

The hall was packed, in contrast to the meetings of past months. There has been sparse attendance because the council, formerly a militant center, has been hamstrung by the dictatorial hand of administration from the top.

In the final voting on a combined resolution denouncing a third party and approving the Marshall plan, it was impossible to make an accurate count. Both delegates and visitors voted and no effort was made by Quinn to permit an accurate count.

Early in the meeting Quinn was asked if all the delegates present came from unions that were paid up in their per capita. A large

number of delegates attended for the first time.

"I understand they are making an effort," was his response.

The discussion was prolonged. Supporters of Wallace took the floor, but the answer of the anti-third party forces was that Murray must be upheld. Not a single pro-Murray delegate urged the support of Truman.

So effective were the speeches by Marie Reed, UE; Leo Fenster, Fisher Body, UAW; LeRoy Feagler, Warehouse; Josh Lawrence, NMU, and others that the Murray bloc, led by the ACTU, attempted with boos and protests to have them ruled out of order. But the discussion continued.

TRIES TO COMPROMISE

The stand of the third party forces was weakened by the position taken by A. E. Stevenson, secretary of the council. Stevenson, who abstained from voting on the resolution when it came before the executive committee the previous evening, declared, speaking of the resolution, that "this policy, under the conditions that prevail, must become the policy of this body."

He added that as secretary of the council he proposed to sustain the national CIO decision, and contended that the congressional election was of more importance than the presidential race.

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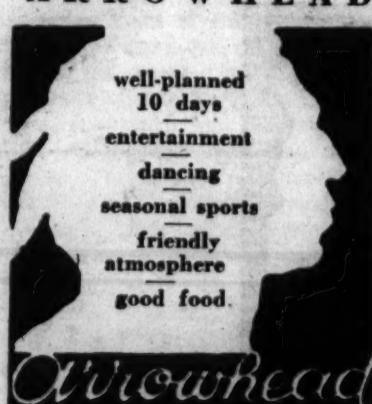
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1st Class Since War

The first class of men student nurses since shortly after this country's entrance into the recent World War, will be admitted by the Mills School of Nursing for Men of the Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing, on March 31, it was announced by Dr. Edward M. Bernecker, Commissioner of Hospitals.

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UAW Asks Canada Nationalize Mines

OTTAWA, March 15 (ALN).—A demand that Canadian coal mines be taken over by the government and operated as a public utility was presented to the Dominion coal yard here by officials of District 26, United Mine Workers of America. The union buttressed its case with a black picture of Canadian coal mining centers under private management.

Parley Urges Aid for 'Free Greece' Children

BELGRADE, March 15.—The Balkan Youth Conference here has unanimously adopted a proposal by the Greek delegates that 12,000 children from Free Greek territory be cared for in the Balkan countries until peace and normal conditions are restored through the victory of the Democratic Army in Greece.

Chiang Troops Join Red Army

NORTH SHENSI, China. (Telepress).—An entire Kuomintang division of 10,000 men revolted and went over to the People's Liberation Army during the fighting for Yinkow, last-but-one major port held by Chiang's forces in Manchuria, which was captured by the democratic forces on Feb. 25. The unit concerned in this first response to the Peoples' Army ultimatum: "Surrendered, or be annihilated!" was the 58th Division of the 52nd Army. The men apprehended and turned over to the Liberation Army command their Deputy Army Commander and thirty high Kuomintang Party and government officials. Two thousand Kuomintang gendarmes and special Communications Police (a kind of S. S. elite guard), who put up a tough resistance, were annihilated.

Two days after this action, the North-east (Manchurian) People's Liberation Army recaptured the county town of Kaiyuan, 65 miles north of Mukden on the Mukden-Changhun railway.

Evidence of the Kuomintang high command's alarm at the deterioration of the troops' morale are the extraordinary measures now being taken against deserters. In the Kuomintang armies in North China, special "security squads" armed with tommy-guns are placed behind the battle-line ready to shoot down troops who show signs of flight. The families of deserters are heavily penalized.

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By Len Kleis

Dual Justice In South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, March 15 (Telepress).—Two men were sentenced by South African courts last week.

An African, Jackson Kumalo, found guilty of raping a white woman, was sentenced to death.

A white man, Gert Johannes Swanepoel, found guilty of culpable homicide for flogging a colored man, throwing him into a fire and leaving him to die, was fined 20 pounds and allowed to pay in monthly installments.

Charge 'Detroit News' Incites Violence

By William Allen

DETROIT, March 15.—Red baiting articles in the Detroit News seek to incite violence against progressives, it was declared in a letter written by Carl Winter, state chairman of the Michigan Communist Party, which was recently published in the News.

Winter challenged the News to print the Communist Party's answers to 19 questions submitted to the party by Swinhart a year ago, giving the party's correct position and program on many questions.

The News finally announced it would print the 19 questions and answers.

Swinhart's main theme, splashed all over the front page of the News, billboards, posters, is that "the Communist Party is preparing a Take Over Day."

"The insurrection plot that Swinhart claims to have discovered," said Winter, "is nothing but a figment of his own imagination."

Winter said that the Communist Party will present to Detroit's Mayor Eugene Van Antwerp evidence of organized fifth column activity in the city aimed particularly against the Negro people.

Officials of Briggs local 212, UAW, charged that the prevention of the right of three workers to work in the Vernon plant was a plot to foment discord. A notice was pinned on the bulletin board two days ago stating "that Communists should leave this department by 11:30 a.m." This notice "certainly was not authorized by the union," said Ken Morris, Local 212 president.

Allen Saylor, state chairman of the Wallace Progressive Party, today blasted the police commissioner for anti-Semitism and unfounded red baiting charges made in a radio speech.

Saylor said that "Toy's unfounded, unproved, irresponsible statement that Soviet agents were coming into

DETROIT, March 15.—Eight large plants here have been marked for immediate reconversion to war production by the Army and Navy, it was learned here. Seven of these plants are at present owned by the government and leased to private corporations with the agreement that these plants will not be altered in any way that would interfere with a sudden change to war production.

Scheduled for quick conversion are:

The Timken Axle plant at Clark and West Jefferson, to be used as an ordnance plant.

The Timken Steel Forging plant in Melvindale, consisting of 10 buildings.

General Motors Fisher Body plant near Flint, which was used as a tank plant, and covers nine buildings.

The GM Chevrolet plant at Saginaw.

Speaking recently before the Saginaw Executives Club in Saginaw, Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general, Army ground forces, said: "When any of us in the Army think of Saginaw, we also think of machine guns..."

Saginaw made 86 percent of the machine guns used by the U. S. armed forces during World War II, according to Devers.

2 NEGROES FACE RETURN TO SLAVERY

By Elmer O. Fehlhaber

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, March 15.—A father and his 16-year-old son are out on \$1,000 bond each here while the state of Alabama is attempting to have the two brought back to a landlord who wants them to continue as virtual slaves.

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CAME TO YOUNGSTOWN

Last year Rivers, his son, daughter and wife worked 65 acres. At harvest time they turned over checks amounting to \$1,000 to the landlord. In addition, White came to the farm and took from Rivers 150 bushels of sweet potatoes, sugar cane for 600 gallons, 390 bales of peanut hay and five hogs. The five hogs were the personal property of Rivers. He had raised them to feed his family.

According to the custom of the locality, Sam Rivers, Jr., was given a small portion of the farm to work. He cultivated two acres of peanuts and what he made from this was to be his. The father sold the peanuts in his son's name. Of \$190 received the boy spent \$69 for groceries and gave \$30 to his sister who had worked on the farm for an entire year without receiving a cent.

After the harvest the father came to Youngstown where his two

married daughters live. Here he found employment in the Republic Steel mill.

But shortly after his arrival here he received word that his son had been thrown in jail in Clayton and would be released only on payment of \$100.

Mr. Rivers sent a telegraph order for \$80 to the Clayton Alabama Banking Co. and in return he received a receipt for \$350.57 signed by A. C. White. The boy was released and joined his father in Youngstown. Rivers assumed that neither he nor his boy would be bothered.

But on Feb. 28 he was arrested together with his son.

It is considered significant by Mrs. Leda Hartwell, attorney representing the NAACP, that the state of Alabama has not yet filed any specific charge. Undoubtedly, she explained, the state of Alabama hoped that Rivers and his son would waive extradition.

But neither Mr. Rivers nor his son are willing to return.

"I know why they want me back," he said. "Planting time is coming and they want us back on that farm."

Italy Union Chief Says ERP Parley Perils Unity

LONDON, March 15.—Giuseppe DiVittorio, general secretary of the Italian Confederation of Labor, today declared that the Marshall Plan conference called by the British Trades Union Congress is a "danger to the unity of the World Federation of Trade Unions." DiVittorio, who left today for Rome, had just finished talks with James Carey, CIO secretary treasurer.

Di Vittorio, was accompanied by Fernando Santi, Socialist Secretary of the seven million strong Italian Confederation of Labor and experts of their economic section. Di Vittorio said that their general council decided to open direct talks with the CIO. They proposed setting up a committee on the lines of the TUC-CGT French General Confederation of Labor and TUC-CIO joint committees. Di Vittorio emphasized that Italian unions were acting perfectly correctly and within the framework of the WFTU.

ASK GREATER UNITY

"We have two main objectives," said Di Vittorio. "We consider that the Marshall Plan conference called by the TUC a danger to the unity of the WFTU. We want to strengthen the link between leading movements within the WFTU in order to lessen the dangers of a split."

"Secondly, we are quite prepared to talk over with our American friends those parts of the Marshall Plan which can help the Italian working class and which are not against their interests."

But we could not agree with Carey that the precondition to setting up a committee is 100 percent endorsement of the Marshall Plan. So while these talks are a step towards safeguarding WFTU unity, there are not immediate results."

The Italian trade union movement believes that the Marshall Plan will hold back the development of heavy industry, according to Di Vittorio. Italy is offered dried fruit and dried eggs when they have fruit and eggs for export. An Italian request for 12,000,000 tons of steel for reconstruction met with an offer of 600,000 tons.

Di Vittorio said that Italians who came to the Marshall Plan conference are leaders of a group within the Italian Labor Confederation representing at the most 15 percent of its membership. They are composed mainly of Christian Democrats, Republicans and a few Socialists. The majority of Italian unionists deplored the action of this group which is contrary to the interests of the Italian workers.

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New Maneuver for Fare Hike Feared

By Michael Singer

A source close to Mayor O'Dwyer yesterday reiterated the Mayor's assertion made last Friday that "there will be no fare increase during the balance of this administration."

"The city will just have to tighten its belt," the City Hall source declared.

This belt-tightening, however, will apply only to the 175,000 civil service workers. High officials who have received wage increases from \$1,500 to \$2,500 have no fears. But O'Dwyer has indicated that he will not grant the \$600 cost-of-living bonus as demanded by CIO municipal employees. He has indicated that he intends either to cut existing jobs or to refuse to fill vacancies. The result will be a speed-up for over-burdened workers.

PRESS FOR FARE HIKE

The City Hall declaration came on the heels of morning newspaper stories that fiscal advisors of O'Dwyer were planning to press for the higher fare. The stories were said to be inspired by William Reid, chairman of the Board of Transportation and head of the Mayor's Committee on Administration.

It was this committee, which also includes License Commissioner Benjamin Fielding and Budget Director Thomas J. Patterson, which last July had proposed an 8-cent fare, in an official report approved by the Mayor.

Patterson, who has begun to prepare the executive budget with Comptroller Lazarus Joseph, for submission April 1, is also believed to be still pressing for an 8-cent fare.

Despite his Friday pledge the Mayor is still looking for an "out."

Behind the Reid pressure for a higher fare is the Citizens Budget Commission led by Col. Harold Riegelman and the Citizens Transit Commission headed by Paul Windels.

The Mayor, by giving this commission a semi-official capacity, practically recognized its higher fare arguments as official pronouncements.

Strategy behind the City Hall statement yesterday is two-fold:

1.—To prepare an alibi for rejection of wage increases for municipal employees.

2.—To sneak through the higher fare after June 15, when the Board of Estimate will have adopted a so-called "property budget" based on the nickel fare. This budget will provide for no wage increases and no increase in vital services.

Between June 15 and July 1, the date the budget is effective, the Mayor can still give the Board of Transportation the green light to raise the fare as empowered in the Republican-sponsored bill adopted in Albany.

Once that is done, the 8-cent fare or even a 10-cent fare will become operative, while the wage issue remains static in the executive budget.

According to some observers the Mayor has already prepared his answer to the charge of "double-cross" by promising municipal workers a salary adjustment in next year's budget. This will give the administration a whole year to collect revenues from an increased fare. It would also give the realty crowd the big break it is hoping for—a 14-cent fare, a figure high enough to meet operating deficit and debt charges, which it still would pay for under an 8-cent fare.

Fred Ellis to Pick 'Queen Esther'

Fred Ellis, staff cartoonist of the Daily Worker will be on the board of experts to choose the Queen Esther of Manhattan Jewish youth at the annual Purim ball of the Young People's Division of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order Friday at Webster Hall.

Hungary Tories Mourn New '48

Hungarian Fascists Sunday "celebrated" the 100th anniversary of Hungary's 1848 revolution against the Austrian Hapsburgs, by speeches mourning the fulfilment of that revolution in the new people's democracy of Hungary today.

On the same day, progressives gathered at Manhattan Center under the auspices of the Hungarian-American Centennial Committee, where Rustem Vambery, Hungarian Minister to the United States, headed the speakers. The meeting drew 3,500.

In the auditorium of Hunter College, some 1,000 on the well-off-to-elegant side gathered to hear reactionary list of speakers headed by Rep. John Lodge (R-Conn) Tibor Eckhardt, agent of former dictator Admiral Horthy and outspoken anti-Semite, Ferenc Nagy and Zoltan Pfeiffer, reactionaries ousted from power in Hungary not long ago.

Also present were ousted Bulgarian reactionary politicians Georgi Dimitrov of Bulgaria, Matchek of Croatia, and Cretzianu of Romania. There were frequent references to the atom bomb, especially the flat assertion by Lodge that we should use the bomb to implement our foreign policy.

At Manhattan Center, a recorded speech by President Tildy of Hungary was heard. Speakers included Emery Komlos, secretary of the Hungarian Brotherhood (IWO), and Dr. G. Fischer for the Hungarian Jewish community.

CORRECTION

Through a series of misunderstandings the Daily Worker published yesterday a garbled account—for which it wishes to apologize to its readers—of the meeting at Manhattan Center.

The headline said: "Weinstock Tells of New Hungary at Centennial, whereas Mr. Louis Weinstock, Communist trade union leader, was not even among the speakers.

Dr. Rustem Vambery, Hungarian Minister to the U.S., who held a reception at the Central Opera House, 67 St. and Third Ave., after the meeting, was improperly identified in the story. Mr. K. C. Kamilla heads the Hungarian-American Centennial Committee, sponsoring the affair.

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Michael, Ex-Rex, Takes A Hand in Shaping U. S. Policy

BETWEEN THE former King of Romania, quite a dashing fellow, and the former farm-boy of Missouri, once a haberdasher, our foreign policy sure is in reliable hands, isn't it?

Michael of Romania had second thoughts about giving up the throne and simply had to come to this country to tell us about it, and sound us out on how to recover it. Having lost out in Romania, he expects to win in America, the first nation of modern times to get along very well without a king, the nation which was for a century the terror of Michael's uncles and cousins.

And then there is Harry Truman, who has all but lost the elections in the United States, and decides that maybe he can still win them in Italy. He, too, has second thoughts.

Back on Dec. 15, 1945, he thought that the Chinese government should not get any aid until it included the Chinese Communists. Now, he opines that he doesn't like Communists in any government, anywhere in the world, a very fitting welcome to that whippersnapper of a Michael.

OF COURSE, the ex-king of Romania was not indulging in extemporeana when he solemnly suggested that the way to get him back on the throne was for Americans to make war on Russia. Michael has heard that some Americans entertain this idea. He figured it would not be rude or original for him to mention it.

Famous Brazilian architects, prominent Venezuelan poets, distinguished Cuban senators, well-known French trade unionists are barred from this country, supposedly because they want to overthrow the government.

But Michael has no trouble getting here at all; all he wants to do is overthrow the Soviet government. And with a true royal generosity, he wants us Americans to do it for him.

HARRY TRUMAN's thoughts run in the same direction as Michael's. Not only should Communists be ousted from governments, whether they are the leading parties or not—as in France; and kept from entering governments, where they are about to show their strength in a democratic election—as in Italy; but they ought to be thrown out of the Soviet government, too, where they have done a reasonably good job in the eyes of the Soviet peoples, for 30 years.

The logic of preventing other peoples from determining their own affairs—the essence of the Truman Doctrine—is to make war on Russia. Michael proposes that Truman should do this for him, and Truman proposes that the American people should do it for both of them. Michael expected Hitler to do it, but Hitler found the task difficult. Truman thinks it will be easier.

AND JUST WHY, pray tell, can't Communists be members of any government in the world? Because, says Mr. Truman, Communists believe in government from the top. That's the whole trouble.

This definitely illuminates the nature of American government, doesn't it? James Forrestal becomes a shining example of how a lowly cook learned to govern, after correspondence courses in the famous institution of applied government, known as Dillon & Read, bankers.

The group of steel owners who recently raised prices \$5 a ton was, I suppose, a good instance of an American soviet in action.

It would, no doubt, be a perfect case of government "of, by and for the people" if Michael of Romania returned to the throne.

WE MUST BE THANKFUL, these days, for every bit of insight into the perplexing future. In one sense, it is a very good thing for Michael to ask us to make war on Russia—for it shows exactly why such a war would be fought—to put the Michaels back on their thrones.

When Harry Truman declares that he doesn't want Communists to take part in government anywhere in the world, he clarifies the issue immensely in all of western Europe.

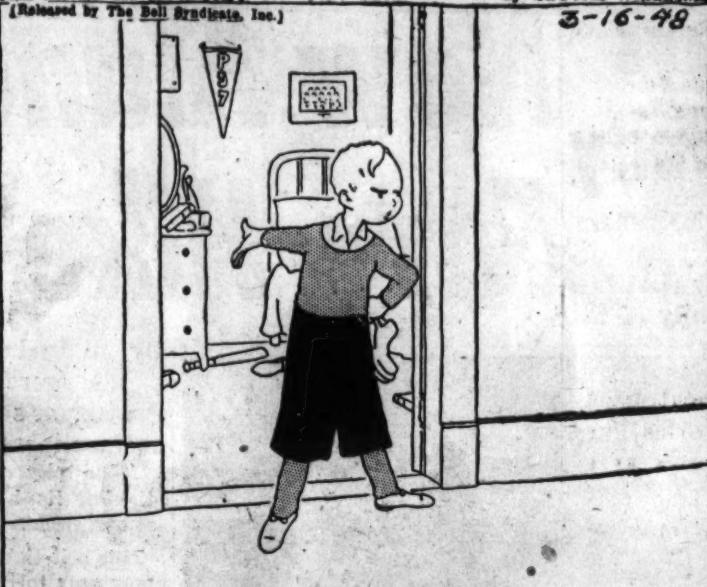
He proves that interference in the internal affairs of other peoples is inspired by the United States. Which is exactly what the Communists of Europe have charged. Now Truman proves it again.

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

(Illustrated by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

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JUNIOR DEMANDS TO KNOW WHY THE FAMILY CAN'T LEAVE HIS THINGS ALONE — HE PUT HIS BASEBALL ON HIS BUREAU AFTER THE LAST GAME IN SEPTEMBER AND NOW IT ISN'T THERE

GLUYAS WILLIAMS

Letters from Readers

Aaron Kramer's Views On Use of Word "Black"

Astoria, L. I.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A couple of people have written about the use of "black" in my Isaac Woodward poem. It is always heartening to learn that one's work is being carefully read. I know that there is much room for improvement, and all comments are welcome.

Yet I must disagree with the particular point raised by Mr. Remes and Mr. Blair. The use of "black" to connote evil is chauvinistic, they claim. Now this is the first time I've ever come across such a statement, and I've been a student of language for a number of years. A claim of that kind needs proving—I, for one, cannot accept it merely because Gil Green said so and an Illinois convention hammered it out.

To my knowledge the concept of black as evil originated thousands of years ago—in all nations—and has never been linked with the Negro people. There are such ancient terms as blackguard, blackmail, to blacken a reputation, black art or magic; and such modern terms as black terror, to blackball, blacklist, the Black Hand, Black Legion, Blackshirts, black market. A study of any writer on Mr. Blair's list of classics should convince him that such use of the word black has not now, nor ever had in the past, any suggestion of insult to the dark-skinned peoples of the earth. Nor can the black borders around memorial notices, the black ties worn at funerals, the black paint on funeral wagons, be considered evidence of hidden chauvinism. Black for evil means that evil crawls from its hiding place when night comes, when the people sleep. Black for sorrow means that we feel the sun to have gone out of our lives.

I do not call Mr. Blair a "purist." This is a dangerous, unsound crusade he is urging us to join. Unsound, because the basic thesis is false. Dangerous, because it would make us appear ridiculous and downright psychopathic.

AARON KRAMER.

Aid Ingram Defense Fund

Detroit, Mich.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have sent \$5 toward the fund to save Mrs. Ingram. Unfortunately, we haven't the money resources equal to those used for oppression of Negroes, Jews and Greeks. But we do have a growing organized will to resist exploitation. We shall win!

SCOTTY.

Praise for Tinsley's Bombe Atomic Piece

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Congratulations to Ted Tinsley on his superbly witty piece of March 2 on Truman's menu with "Bombe (Atomic)" for desert. This column, along with some other material if deemed necessary, would make excellent advertising. Humor is a powerful and joyful weapon for the people in their fight for a decent life. More power to Ted. JOHN J.

Wall St. Wails Over 'Poor Czechs'

Bronx, N.Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a Jew and progressive, I cannot help viewing the wailing of the monopoly press over "poor Czechoslovakia" with the greatest contempt.

What the Czech people did was to reject the hand of the Wall Street imperialists in favor of Czech liberty and independence.

Perhaps the Czechs saw what was going on in Palestine. In that unhappy country, we see the Truman administration breaking all sorts of promises. No arms for the Jewish defenders and now the American spokesman at the UN is retreating rapidly on the question of partition.

In the light of such events, we should congratulate the Czech people for giving "the old one-two" to the stooges of Wall Street.

BEN BOWMAN.

Student Section Boosts Press Sales

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The student section of the Communist Party has more than doubled its Daily Worker circulation since last semester. While we never get past 250 papers per day last term, this week we reached an all-time high of 585 papers, and we're still on the upswing. Our goal is 1,000 a day by May Day. The whole Party organization has been made responsible for the distribution of the press.

At one school, the Daily Worker sales are four times the size of the Party Club. At this school, contributions were made by non-Communists on the basis of the hunger strike, to help increase the Daily Worker bundle. The largest total circulation on any one campus in 180.

At a membership meeting last Friday, the student section voted unanimously to challenge any section in the Party to equal our Daily Worker sales?

PRESS COMMITTEE.

World of Labor

By
George
Morris

ALCÖA, Local 302—Sample Of Murray's 'Tolerance'

PHILIP MURRAY, boasts the United Steelworkers of America in the current issue of its paper, was awarded the Thomas Jefferson Award for Advancement of Democracy in the field of "Labor and industry." The tribute came from the Council Against Intolerance.

We don't know how deeply the Council delved into Murray's record on tolerance. But it is significant that the very week that he received this tribute, leaders of one of the union's large aluminum locals filed suit against him for acts of intolerance that would compare with those of "King" Joe Ryan or Bill Hutcheson.

It was also during that same week that Murray's office issued an ultimatum with a 10-day deadline to all CIO councils in the country, ordering them to oppose a third party and support the Marshall Plan. "Tabling or ignoring" the decree, or "adoption of compromise . . . constitutes rejection" and invites an administrator warned Murray's tolerant national office.



AND these are the gentlemen who prattle about the "totalitarian threat." But we are here concerned especially with the suit of ALCOA, Local 302, New Kensington, Pa. The local is in the area of district regional director William Hart, whom we have already introduced on several occasions, as Pennsylvania president of the company-union-like clique known as the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists.

As we reported previously, Hart is the character who last summer, jointly with the company's vice president, told employees of the Robertshaw Co. over the plant loudspeaker not to object to retiming of piece-work rates by time-study men. "You can by increasing production maintain your take-home pay," he told them. Hart's policy of putting the squeeze on the workers for speedup, came in for a laudatory full-page picture play in a recent issue of Murray's official organ.

THE big aluminum local has been a thorn in the side of Hart as it has apparently been in ALCOA's ribs. The people in the local's leadership were more concerned with grievances than with the rate of the company's profits. As the petition in the suit against Murray states, the steel union's top officials carried on a campaign against Local 302 officers for more than a year during which time "grievances had been permitted . . . to accumulate on the desk of Hart in his capacity as director of District 19 and Hart continued to advise the members of Local 302 that the Aluminum Company of America would not cooperate, and continued to advise the Aluminum Company of America that the local union officers would not cooperate."

In time the company began to cooperate with Hart by placing restriction upon employees, even subjecting them to daily search at plant gates. Then came the climax with a decree suspending President Frank W. Hill and ten others from local offices and placing the local and its \$113,000 treasury under an international administrator. And who became boss over the local? W. B. Gravatt with John Haser as assistant, both members of a clique of Hart's friends in Local 302 who were defeated in elections for office in the local.

The ground for placing a dictator over the local is simply stated as "irregularities." No hearing, trial or anything. To color those charges in line with the national atmosphere, rumors are spread about "communism." The attempt to put a red tag on officers of Local 302 is about as nonsensical as the Thomas' Committee's effort to picture Dr. Condon as "red." The sad fact is that anyone showing the slightest degree of independence in the steel union these days is tagged a "red."

From all indications, Murray has bitten off too much in the new Kensington case. Hill's people decided to take him on. A battery of three lawyers is pushing the legal aspects of the case. An active campaign among the rank and file is exposing the whole sordid story to the population of Kensington. To make matters still more uncomfortable for Murray and Hart, Jack Walker, chairman of the Democratic Party in New Kensington who has been involved in the intrigues of the opposition group, switched his allegiance and is exposing the whole conspiracy against the local.

That's just a sample of the "tolerance" we get in the CIO these days as Murray actively crusades for ERP "democracy" and sunshine for the people of the world.

COMING: Hills that John Brown Loved, by ROCKWELL KENT, in the Weekend Worker

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The Post's Queer Logic

THE gilt is wearing off fast.

The foreign policy which the Truman Administration has been pursuing in close alliance with GOP tories like Vandenberg and Dulles shows itself more and more as a pure and simple war program.

It was that way from the very beginning, after FDR died.

Nowadays, our generals are summoned to secret meetings by James Forrestal, Wall Street banker who helped finance the rise of German war power in the 1920's. Why are they summoned? Because Italy is going to have an election, and this Wall Street banker-militarist is not sure of the results.

Accordingly, Truman warns that the U.S.A. will "resist" any election in which the people vote contrary to the Marshall Plan orders.

Former Secretary Byrnes, who is familiar with the practice of outlawing the ballot in his poll tax state of South Carolina, fervently demands "action" if the Italian people don't vote for the Marshall Plan bankers taking over their country.

In Palestine, the Marshall Plan is cold-bloodedly betraying the pledged word of the U.S.A. It is throwing the Jewish people to the dogs. Is it a coincidence that Mr. Forrestal's banking firm, Dillon Read, financed the oil firms which today have the fat contracts with the Arabian leaders?

FACED with such clear bankruptcy of the Truman-Dulles leadership, liberal papers like the New York Post are seeking for an alternative.

The Post says it wants "out" of the war swamp. So the New York Post turned toward General Dwight Eisenhower. Yesterday the Post stated: "Could it be that there is an American likely to emerge with greater qualifications for achieving this end (that is, peace) than Eisenhower?"

On March 10, the Post commended Eisenhower for turning down the GOP nomination. The Post said Eisenhower has been "unequivocal in his statement that military men in a democracy should not be encouraged to be politically ambitious."

Now, five days later, the Post wants Eisenhower. Astonishing, is it not?

The Post cannot offer a single solitary piece of evidence that Eisenhower opposes, in any way, the fearful war policies which it condemns in the Truman-Dulles-Vandenberg coalition.

On the contrary, Eisenhower is on record (in his recent report as retiring Chief of Staff) as firmly backing the entire foreign policy of the Truman-Dulles-Vandenberg alliance.

The Post says it opposes universal military training; but Eisenhower is for it.

There is not the slightest evidence that Eisenhower favors U.S. support for the new Jewish state, or for anything that opposes the bi-partisan war program in Washington.

Why does the Post turn so trustingly to him? Because it refuses, despite all its criticism of the war program, to turn to the peace movement led by Henry Wallace. That is, because it apparently does not take its own criticisms seriously.

To Save a Life

MRS. ROSA LEE INGRAM, Negro mother of 12 children, won't know it, but on Wednesday morning a delegation of women is going to see President Truman to try to save her life.

Mrs. Ingram and her two young sons were railroaded to die in the electric chair because they defended themselves against an armed, enraged farmer.

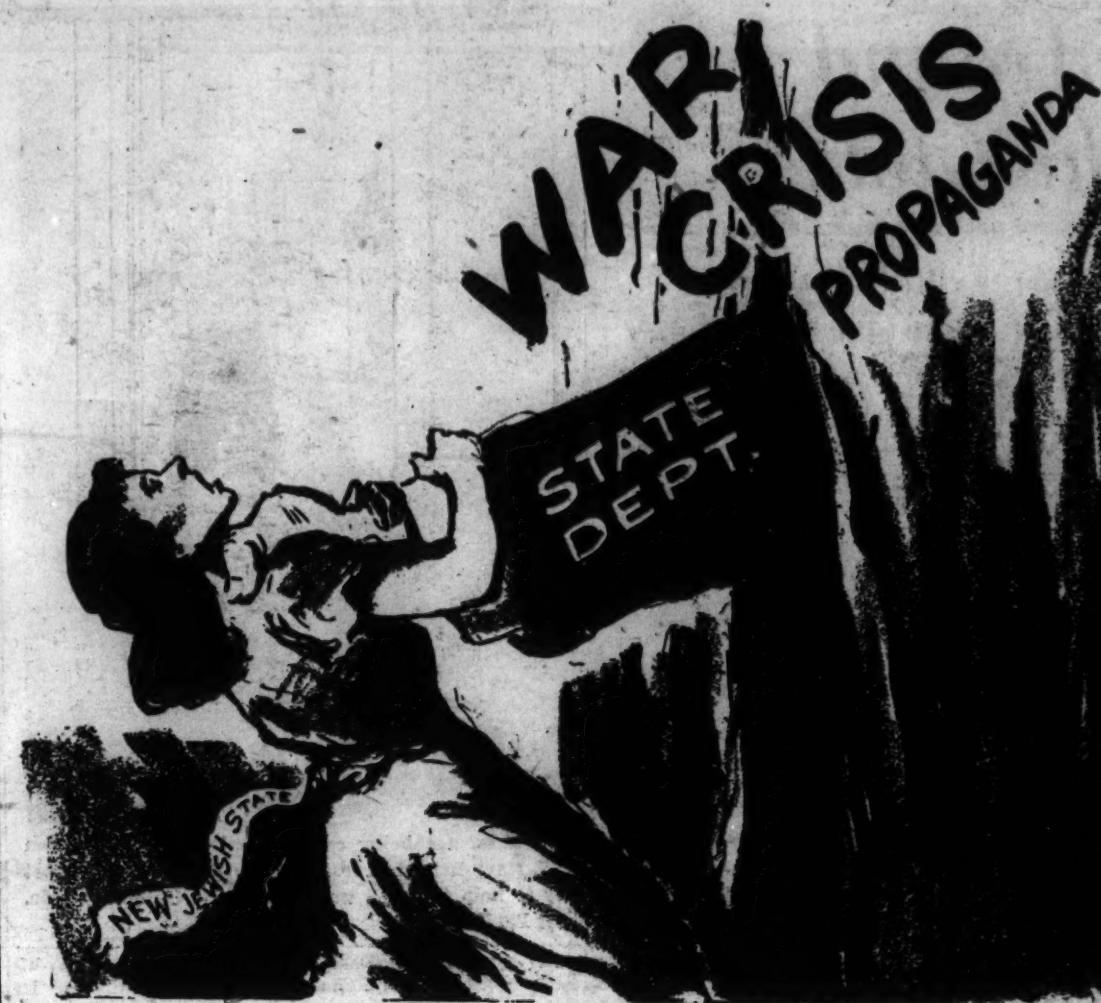
Today, Mrs. Ingram's whereabouts are unknown.

Angry at protests which he received, the local sheriff has removed her to an unknown jail somewhere in Georgia. Her peril is great.

The New York Save Mrs. Ingram Committee is helping to rouse the nation to the infamy which has been committed against this Negro mother who weeps in her cell for the children—down to a 17 months infant—from whom she has been torn away.

The Washington delegation will leave from Pennsylvania Station, Wednesday morning at 7:30 A. M. We urge organizations to send representatives, and all individuals who can to join it.

AMBUSH



As We See It

Civil Rights an Urgent Issue,
But Truman Acts Don't Show It

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON



SENATOR HARRY BYRD, THE VIRGINIA PLANTER, issued a solemn warning to Congress the other day. He said that if civil rights legislation is enacted, it will mean "bloodshed." One wonders how the senator would describe the shooting last month by Mississippi police of Leroy McGowan, a young Negro navy veteran. According to eye witnesses, McGowan lay in a pool of blood on a Jackson street.

Or what he would have to say about the bullets fired into the back of J. V. Williams, another Negro veteran of that city. Or of George Thomas, shot to death in Kosciusko, Miss. Or of the countless lynchings, reported and unreported, legal, according to Southern "law," or illegal.

What the obtuse old apple-grover refuses to admit is that the civil rights program is necessary to put an end to the blood letting and murder which is daily taking a toll of Negro citizens throughout the South.

This can be done only by federal action to enforce the constitution and extend the full rights of democracy to all, regardless of color. We face in our nation today an emergency of tremendous moment which requires emergency measures.

THREE IS NO HINT of this urgency in President Truman's approach to the problem. When a reporter asked the President, during his press conference Thursday, whether he planned to send legislation up to Congress to carry out the principles of his civil rights message, the answer was no.

Members of Congress do not like to have bills prepared and sent down by the executive, he said. They like to write their own legislation. Mr. Truman made it plain that he did not feel the situation was in any sense an emergency.

The best comment I have encountered on Mr. Truman's dilatory attitude came from a housewife on my block. With two children to engage her waking hours, she must snatch at the news, via the radio, on the run. But she didn't miss the point.

It would be interesting to see what issues the President thinks are important enough to call for prepared bills," she said. "Some one ought to make a list of the bills he did send to Congress."

I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE to compile such a list, but I do recall

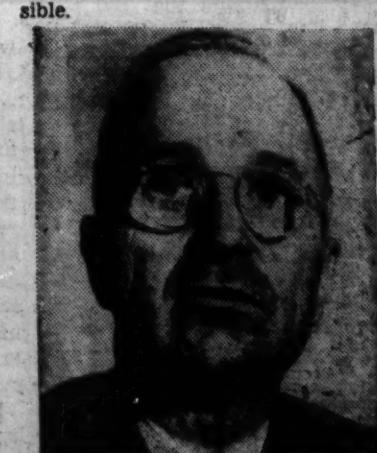
tion of the United States in some 10 or 11 states in the South is not an emergency and can wait upon the normal routine of Congress, which experience has shown can become a very, very long wait.

In the latter case only lives are involved, the lives of men, women and children of a slightly darker skin pigmentation. But, in the former case, that of the railroad strike, profits, perhaps millions of dollars, were at stake.

Doris Fleeson, the columnist, declared recently that southern Democrats cannot understand how Truman ever brought himself to propose civil rights laws. "They say that the President is a Missourian, that he and his family actually think and behave as southerners do with respect to Negroes," Miss Fleeson reported.

Not being in the confidence of the Truman family, I wouldn't know about that. But I do know that despite the brave words of the Truman administration on the sacred rights of minorities, nothing is being done by the White House or the Democratic leadership to enact civil rights measures. The southern revolt has achieved its first objective—to guarantee that the civil rights program will not be pushed here or at the Democratic national convention.

Whether it will go on toward another objective, the capture of complete control of Democratic machinery by the southerners, I cannot say. But it appears possible.



IN THE OPINION of Harry S. Truman, that was an "emergency" requiring emergency methods. The abrogation of the Constitu-

TRUMAN



TSINGTAO BLAST KILLS 200: Ruins in Tsingtao, China, are being combed following ammunition dump blast in which 200 were killed and 800 injured. U.S. Navy helped in rescue work. Tsingtao is the port through which 1,000 Marines were landed last January to help Chiang's war against the Chinese people. The city is now the headquarters of the American West Pacific Fleet.

TRUMAN CALLS WAR SESSION

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President would utilize this opportunity to ask advance Congressional support for formal U.S. participation in the anti-Soviet military alliance with Britain, France and the Benelux nations.

GURNEY BILL PASSED

The Senate today passed by a unanimous voice vote the Gurney Bill to authorize the President to arm merchant ships "during time of war or national emergency." Under the bill the President could declare an emergency whenever he considers the nation's security threatened.

The act would become effective July 1, 1948. The bill would restore powers given the President under the Neutrality Act which had been repealed in the last session of Congress.

As a build-up for whatever demands Truman will make on Congress, Marshall traveled up to the Capitol today to issue a statement declaring:

"The hour is far more fateful today than it was a year ago. By intimidation, fraud and terror, Communist regimes have been imposed upon Hungary and Czechoslovakia."

Marshall urged Senate approval of President Truman's request for an additional \$275 million in military assistance to Greece and Turkey.

PRESSURE ON ITALY

Meanwhile, a State Department spokesman was telling newsmen at the other end of Pennsylvania Ave. that Italy can expect no more aid from the U.S. if the Communists triumph in the April 18 elections.

"The Communists in Italy have said they don't want the European Recovery Program," said Michael J. McDermott, press officer, "and if the Communists should win, which we cannot believe will be the case, knowing the spirit and feeling of the Italian people, there would be no further question of assistance from the U.S."

McDermott denied a report that James Dunn, U.S. Ambassador to Rome, had been given authority to call in U.S. troops in the event of a Communist victory.

Rep. Robert T. Ross (R-NY) inserted in the Congressional Record a statement urging that the U.S. draw a line through Europe and tell the Soviet Union that Communists will not be allowed anywhere on this side of the line.

ASK 16-NATION PACT

PARIS, March 15 (UP)—Great Britain and France called today for a 16-nation European economic alliance, backed by United States Marshall Plan dollars, as a bulwark against Communist expansion.

There were indications that urgent attempts would be made soon to include most of the 16 countries in a sweeping mutual defense pact.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault proposed the 16-

nation economic alliance at the opening of a conference of the 16 Marshall Plan countries.

They announced that they planned to bring the three western occupation zones of Germany fully into the Marshall Plan.

Reliable diplomatic sources reported also that Bevin and Bidault would seek to include Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Portugal and perhaps Italy in the new five-power western European economic and military aid treaty to be signed in Brussels Wednesday.

The signatories to the five-power treaty are Great Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The Marshall Plan countries met in the Clock salon of the Foreign Office.

Count Carlo Sforza, Constantine Tsaldaris and Gustav Rasmussen, the foreign ministers of Italy, Greece and Denmark, made brief speeches at the opening session.

UE Head

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Steinhardt, he would have commented differently.

"The situation (in Czechoslovakia) in the first instance was precipitated by the rightists with American encouragement. It backfired."

At another point in the conference Wallace referred to "the attempted coup by the rightists" in Czechoslovakia. He barred comment on the suicide of Jan Masaryk, pointing out that it was impossible to know why someone took his own life.

The 40-year-old Fitzgerald joined the Wallace committee four days after his resignation from the CIO Political Action Committee. He denied that his action, which was taken with the endorsement of the UE executive board but without committing the union to Wallace, was any reason for a split in CIO ranks.

"We're willing and anxious to work with the CIO on other progressive candidates," he added.

He pointed out that the UE's position at the CIO executive board meeting in January was that the individual unions were free to endorse any candidates they wished "without any dictatorship from anyone." He added that he did not approve of the action of John Brophy, CIO director of industrial union councils, "in trying to dictate to CIO Councils who their members should support."

He predicted that a large majority of UE locals would support Wallace and that the UE would "set quite a pace for PAC." The

600,000-member UE would set up its own political committees, he said, which would raise funds and do the leg work of the political campaign not only for Wallace, but for progressive candidates all over the nation.

Fitzgerald joined four previously-named co-chairmen of the National Wallace for President Committee, which is headed by Elmer A. Benson, former Minnesota governor and senator. The other co-chairmen are Mrs. Anita McCormick Blaine, Jo Davidson, Paul Robeson and Rexford G. Tugwell.

Africa Bias Law Jails 2 Indians

DURBAN, March 15.—Two Indian minority leaders, Dr. Naicker and Dr. Dadoo, have been sentenced here to six months hard labor—the maximum sentence—for aiding passive resisters to cross borders imposed by racial discriminatory laws.

When the sentence was pronounced in court and again as the two men left the court to serve their sentences, Indian spectators shouted "We shall resist" and "We will be with you soon."

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ADDED and abetted by the American Medical Association, U.S. drug manufacturers have bought controlling stocks in the recently formed World Medical Association. The story of the purchase is a sordid one, soiling the honorable international traditions of medicine.

The new international association of 48 medical societies was formed in Paris last September. "It is, in effect, the direct successor to the APIM—Association Professionnelle Internationale des Medicines," to quote the British Medical Journal. The headquarters of this organization had been in France before the war. However, as the commercial organ Medical Economics states in all candidness, the APIM "had gone so far to the left" (probably being for health insurance) the AMA pulled out of it and decided, with the British Medical Association, to found a new body it could control.

When the medical society delegates met in Paris they were presented with an offer from 12 American industrialists to contribute \$50,000 annually to the World Medical Association for the next four years. The transmitting agent for the offer was, naturally, an AMA official. Some delegates began inspecting the gift-horse's mouth, and were a little disturbed by what they found.

A CONDITION of the gift was that headquarters were to be in North America where a watching committee would be able to "guide" it. Members of the committee, now appointed, are representative of Abbott Laboratories, Mead Johnson & Co., McNeil Laboratories and William R. Warner Co., Inc., together with four or five AMA bureaucrats.

Associate membership for the business donors was to be created. The purpose of this was betrayed when the conference altered the original proposal to assure the fact that gift funds were to be free from income tax. This alteration appeared satisfactory to the drug company donors, so one can conclude that income tax evasion was to be one of the prime by-products of the gift.

The Indian, French and other medical societies protested, and the conference voted 32 to 31

against accepting the so-called gift. Far from being daunted, however, the AMA and its allies had the meeting adjourned and, as the British Medical Journal puts it, "a further and more strictly controlled vote" was taken, the conference reconsidered and voted to be seduced.

SECURELY in the hands of the American drug companies now, the WMA will undoubtedly induce medical societies in other countries to oppose their health insurance plans, disrupting them when they cannot prevent their enactment. It will attempt to harass the World Health Organization, an entirely different kind of body, created by the United Nations and functioning in the true spirit of public health and internationalism.

The WHO represents most of the United Nations countries, national public health services comprising its main base. It inherited various health projects for the war-devastated areas from UNRRA, and has initiated some praiseworthy ones of its own.

THE WHO is a real health body. It is paid for through taxes by the American and all other nations. It is still in its formative stages, and therefore can still be dealt heavy body blows by the AMA puppet. In fact, the U.S. has still to ratify the World Health Constitution, and an interim committee rather than a full-fledged organization is all that exists so far of the UN body.

The world can expect only trouble from this latest example of AMA meddling. The American people know enough of the selfish policies of the AMA and the drug companies in our own domestic health affairs. One way to stop them from ramming reactionary policies down the throats of other countries is to see to it that Congress endorses, immediately U.S. participation in a real health agency—the World Health Organization.

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Ted Tinsley Says

Eddie Cantor's 'Letter to Stalin' As Ludicrous As Our Foreign Policy

EDDIE CANTOR, who always seemed to be a good-hearted guy, let someone talk him into making a damn fool of himself. Or maybe it was his own idea. I don't know. But when he used his radio program to sing and talk an "open letter to Stalin," titled, "Are You Listening, Joe," about three-quarters of Europe and seven-eighths of Asia must have wondered whether we're trying to laugh them into the Marshall Plan.

Perhaps Cantor knows better than Truman. (Now that's a statement that could be made of anybody!) Perhaps he realizes that the brass and the inflated speeches aren't working. American imperialism might do a lot better if it withdrew the Secretary of State, the UN delegates, and a host of ambassadors, and substituted Eddie Cantor, Milton Berle, Henry Morgan, Fred Allen, and a few others. They couldn't make our present foreign policy any more ludicrous.

With such a staff, we could immediately call an all-European conference to discuss extension of the Marshall Plan.

NO SOONER said than done! The chairman calls on the delegate of Yugoslavia who says, "We should be happy to accept a loan on decent conditions and with a guarantee of non-interference in our internal affairs."

Up goes the hand of an American delegate. The Chairman recognizes her. She stands. "I'm Tallulah Feeney," she says. "I'm a home-maker. I represent the Truman Administration on the Atomic Energy Commission."

The Rumanian delegate looks puzzled. "What do you know about atomic energy?" he asks.

Tallulah's answer is sharp and to the point. "My husband is a slob," she says, decisively.

Then Senator Claghorn leaps to his feet. "I'm Claghorn," he shouts, "the bi-partisan representative to the Commission on Human Rights."

"Yes, senator?" inquires the Chairman politely.

"I move that we change the name of the Yank-tee River to the Sewanee."

Girard, on leave from the Henry Morgan show, leaps up to say scornfully, "Big Deal!"

The Bulgarian delegate is confused. "I don't see what all this has to do with the proposal of the delegate from Yugoslavia," he comments mildly.

The Yugoslav delegate rises. "I agree with my Bulgarian colleague," he says, "although I admit that the discussion makes a lot more sense than it did before these new delegates arrived."

The chairman then recognizes Henry Morgan, otherwise known as Heinrich von Morgan. Morgan speaks as an expert on international law. "Are there any questions you would like cleared up?" he asks.

"Yes," says the Ukrainian delegate. "How can you explain the answer to the Soviet note protesting the molestation of Soviet ships by American aircraft?"

Morgan consults his law book, looks up, and says, "Next question, please."

At this point Milton Berle introduces Stan Stronghart. Stronghart faces the council and asks, "May I sit down, Mr. Chairman? I'm pooped."

He sits.

Then Eddie Cantor, leader of the American delegation, who has been bowing in Allen's Alley, sings, "If you knew Truman like I know Truman, O, O, O, what a candidate!"

The audience rises and stands for one minute of silence.

At this juncture, the British delegate stands to reaffirm his belief in all the proposals set forward by the American delegation. He helps line up twenty-six nations. The name of the Yank-tee is changed to Sewanee. The dignity of our foreign policy is upheld!

(COMING RADIO ATTRACTIONS: Next week Margaret O'Brien will address a personal appeal to Lassie not to enter the Republican primaries).

Books:

'I Am the Cat' Good Mystery Novel

I AM THE CAT is an interesting title for a mystery novel, and the cover design of a spiral staircase leading nowhere is positively sinister, but it must be

I AM THE CAT, by Rosemary Kutak. Farrar Straus. 249 pp. \$2.50.

confessed the story is as gentle as a sweet violet. There are three deaths, but the characters fall like

STAGE

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For intellectual fare they discuss psychiatry and read mystery novels like *I Am the Cat*. It's all a vicious circle.

—B. L.

Josephine Pinckney's novel *Great Mischief* will be published by Viking on March 22. It is one of the dual selections of the Book-of-the-Month Club for April. The story is set in Charleston in the 1880's.

Hollywood:

Stars Speak Up for the Bill of Rights

By David Platt

TO THE CYCLE of war-mongering films announced for production this year add John McPartland's Life Magazine story *Portrait Of An American Communist* to be filmed this summer by Columbia. The list now includes *The Iron Curtain* (20th Century-Fox), *I Married A Communist* (Eagle-Lion), *Up Until Now* (Warners), *Vespers in Vienna* (MGM), *The Red Menace* (Independent), and *Red Salute* (Re-Issue).

THE STARS SPEAK OUT: When Ann Revere was asked why she was opposed to witch-hunting and red-baiting, the screen actress replied: "I have a strong belief in the things for which my ancestor Paul Revere rode his horse, and I don't believe that horse and rider should go backwards today" . . . Gregory Peck said: "There is more than one way to lose your liberty. It can be torn out of your hands by a tyrant—but it can also slip away, day by day, while you're too busy to notice, or too confused, or too scared" . . . Lucille Ball said: "All of us agree that the Constitution of the United States must be defended! But the way to do this is not by shutting up the man you disagree with; you must fight for his right to speak and be heard. All civil liberties go hand in hand, and when one goes



the others are weakened, just as the collapse of one pillar in a house would endanger the whole structure."

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "As long as I live I will never be a party to anything as un-American as a blacklist, and any statement purporting to quote me as agreeing to a blacklist is a libel upon me as a good American." (Eric Johnston to Bartley Crum on Oct. 19, 1947.)

ADOLPHE MENJOU ON UMT: "I believe America should arm to the teeth. I believe in universal military training. I attended Culver Military Academy during the last war and enlisted as a private. Due to my military training, I was soon made an officer and it taught me a great many things. I believe if I was told to swim the Mississippi River I would learn how to swim. (The Atlantic too, maybe—DP.) Every young man should have military training. There is no better thing for a young man than military training for his discipline, for his manhood, for his courage, and for love of his country. I know it was good for me. It never did me any harm." Except instill in Adolphe a raging hatred of the name Wallace and his program for a decent America.

TALK OF THE WEST COAST: Edward Gorden's new film *Texas, Brooklyn and Heaven* starring Diana Lynn and Guy Madison will have a triple premiere: One in Texas, one in Brooklyn and one in Heaven—Heaven, Okla. . . . Henry Morgan says his only frightening experience in Hollywood was seeing himself on the screen. "I look just like I look" . . . Hollywood Foreign Correspondents picked *Gentleman's Agreement* as the best movie of 1947.

Today's Film:

New Documentary Look in Hollywood

By Herb Tank

THE OLD HOLLYWOOD FILM has a new look. Unlike the new look in skirts which tend to cover up more and expose less the new screen look appears to show more and cover up less. At least it seems that way on the sur-



A SCENE FROM NATIVE LAND, produced by Frontier Films. From documentaries like this one Hollywood borrowed its new look.

face. The blurb boys call it the semi documentary look. Some of them have gone so far as to call it the "new realism." The impact of the war had quite a bit to do with it. War-time film makers pressed by war-time needs quite naturally took over the form and

the film techniques developed by the socially-minded film makers of the thirties. The form had long been known as documentary, and it was different from the usual Hollywood studio film because its purpose was different. Its purpose was to show the truth about man and his society.

To seek the truth the documentary film maker went out into the real world and photographed it. To show the truth he edited and shaped his material, giving artistic form to the camera's observation of the complex of reality.

THE DOCUMENTARY became a worldwide film movement. In America it developed independently of Hollywood, resulting in the making of such fine films as the three Pierre Lorentz films *The Plow That Broke the Plains*, *The River*, and *The Fight for Life*; van Dyke and Steiner's *The City*; Paul Strand's *The Wave*; Frontier's *People of the Cumberlands* and *Native Land*.

It was natural, therefore, that when the war against fascism developed it took over the raw material of this movement. Here was a type of film making whose form and methods were determined by social necessity. The documentary film maker went directly to reality, reconstructed it in his art, and projected it into the experience of the audience as a further mastery of the world around them. In short, the documentary film maker went directly to reality in order to change it. And this was the problem posed by the war.

THE WARTIME feature length documentaries reached a tremendous audience. Films like the *Why We Fight* series, *The Fighting Lady*, *The True Glory*, *San Pietro* and others were not only shown in Army

camps and at the fronts, they were shown in the regular commercial houses as well. . . . And the box office returns were good!

There doesn't seem to be anything more persuasive, more compellingly eloquent, to the Hollywood ear than the box office.

Hollywood discovered the documentary. Hollywood allowed that the technique was effective.

LOUIS DE ROCHEMONT, for a number of years the producer of *The March of Time*, was brought out to the coast to apply this technique to a spy story. The story was *The House On 92d St.* It told a presumably factual story about Nazi spies in America and how the FBI cleaned them out. The story itself was not an unusual one for Hollywood. The manner of telling it was.

The camera was taken out of the Hollywood studio surroundings to New York City and the plot and the plotters with it. The audience was introduced to characters against the backgrounds of a real city, instead of meeting them under studio conditions and faked backgrounds. The result was a film more interesting and "more real" than the usual studio job.

The pudding was proven at the box office. *The House On 92d Street* made money.

HOLLYWOOD WAS SOLD on the technique. They were sold on the documentary form. But they bastardized it because they ignored its purpose. The purpose: to go direct to reality in order to show the truth about man and his society.

By ignoring the social purpose that created the form Hollywood began to lay the basis for turning the technique into a style, into a new look for the same old content.



"Yes, Mr. Goonface, it's the same costume you wore in 'Red Salute' in 1935."

Around the Dial

Monopoly Radio All Set To Distort Results Of Coming Elections in Italy

By Bob Lauter

IS RADIO already launching a great propaganda counter-offensive to offset a possible people's victory in the coming Italian elections? Already ominous notes are creeping into the broadcasts of many commentators. Tris Coffin's last Report From Washington (WJZ, Saturdays, 11:15 p.m.) expressed the hope that women in Italy, who he believes are more likely to be influenced by the Pope's instructions, may swing the elections against the People's Bloc. Coffin claimed that if the Bloc wins in the left-wing northern part of Italy, AMERICAN IMPERIALISM MAY SPLIT ITALY INTO NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN STATES. He said that American agents have already contacted Italian anti-Communists in northern Italy. Coffin uses the old line that a victory for the People's Bloc would be a "Russian" victory.

AND WHAT OF CBS'S elaborate plans to cover the Italian elections? Do these plans constitute a "public service, or a propaganda barrage designed to justify American imperialist intervention to cancel the results of the election should it bring the People's Bloc to power? In Italy for CBS will be Davidson Taylor, the network's vice-president and Director of Public Affairs; Howard K. Smith, Chief of CBS European News Staff in Rome; Winston Burdett; Edward R. Murrow; and John Secondari.

CBS Italian broadcasts will start one week before the elections, and continue daily until the final results are in. CBS promises "objective reporting." As a sample of this "objective reporting," the network claims it will visit "Communist centers of the so-called Popular Front." In other words, this "objective reporting" starts out with the downright lie that the Communist Party and the People's Bloc are one and the same thing. This is a key to the entire election, and as long as this lie governs the character of the broadcasts, as it doubtless will, any claims to "objective reporting" are farcical.

Every indication is that monopoly radio will join the press to poison the minds of the American people by distorting the results of the coming Italian elections.

UE'S ARTHUR GAETH will use to his regular Wednesday night spot (tonight, WMCA, 9:30), to discuss Oil and Palestine.

Gaeth's fan mail has been mounting steadily. Experts agree it has hit a remarkable level for a news commentator who is on the air only once a week. His Feb. 11 program, commemorating National Negro History Week and introducing such notables as Paul Robeson, Lena Horne, and Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, inspired more than 500 letters from 31 states, including the deep South.

From Lorain, Ohio, a worker wrote enthusiastically that he was telling his friends about the broadcast because "more listeners is what your program needs." A listener in Macksville, La., asked for a copy of that program "for the struggle of a free America." And an English war bride from Milledgeville, Ill., wrote to say, "The words spoken in defiance of race hate were stimulating and inspiring. Many there are who forget that we are all born equal in the sight of God. . . . If I can help your cause for a better democracy in any small way, may I do so?"

Gaeth can win a still bigger audience. And you can help.

(From complete radio listings, see page 11.)



CLIFTON WEBB as Belvedere, the baby-sitter in the 20th Century Fox film "Sitting Pretty" at the Roxy.

On Stage

Actor's Lab Leaders Answer Red-Baiters

A few weeks ago, State Senator Jack Tenney (Calif) attempted to intimidate the Actors Laboratory Theatre in his infamous Un-American Committee hearings. The Actors Lab is a Hollywood group whose reputation for distinguished and progressive work in the theatre is known throughout the country. The statements of Rose Hobart and Roman Bohnen, leaders of the Actors' Lab, constitute their answer to Tenney's intimidation. They are printed below.

By Rose Hobart

I AM HAPPY to appear before this committee because one of the duties of this committee under the resolution creating it is to hold hearings at which "the people are to have an opportunity to present their views." I have views and desire to present them.

For the record, I am an actress. My work in this regard is fully and accurately set forth in "Who's Who of the Theater" and the regular "Who's Who."

From my long experience in the theater I have learned and come to appreciate the importance of the theater as a medium of communication. Historically, it is of older vintage than motion pictures, radio or even the press. It shares their honored place as a vehicle for the expression of ideas and the testing of these ideas in the crucible of human experience.

The theater, to play its role in a democratic (I am sure the committee will pardon the expression) society, must operate freely—without restraint or censorship as to content, players or method. This freedom our Constitution gives the theater, and our citizens and this committee must vouchsafe if our ideal of a democratic society, governed by agents chosen by and responsible to the people, is to survive.

Actor's Lab is such a theater. As one long tried in the stage, I know it is such a theater and I, as a citizen and an actress, insist it be extended the protection of our Constitution.

This committee will doubtless ask me whether I am a Communist.

There are times when it is appropriate to answer yes or no to questions as to one's political affiliation. Today, when people in my profession are losing their livelihood and their professional reputations because they choose to exercise their constitutional right to be silent, and when this committee is proposing legislation to blacklist persons of whose political leanings it disapproves, it is not appropriate to answer such a question.

In a democracy, no one should be forced or intimidated into a declaration of his principles. To the extent that one does yield to such pressure, he gives away his birthright.

I am just mulish enough not to budge when anyone uses force against me.

By ROMAN BOHNEN

I am an American, and this is my "short" statement. Being chairman of the Actors' Laboratory Theater and passionate for its welfare and good name, I had a much "longer" statement prepared until Mr. Tenney talked me out of it at the Tuesday morning hearings.

In my "long statement" I set down all the aspirations of the Lab, its determination to aid in the establishment of a national subsidized theater in this country and the history of the brilliant seven years which have so far been spent in the building of a good FREE theater in and for this community.

In the statement was also an

honor roll, citing hundreds of distinguished theater craftsmen who have produced, directed, lectured, talked, acted, and studied at the Lab.

Then there were pages listing the Lab's wartime citations for plays played to a million or more boys, both here and overseas; there was an ample quota from the Lab's democratic constitution to illustrate the excellent kind of self-government that these artists have fashioned for themselves.

I even had a page about my personal history in the American theater, covering twenty-six years of dedication to the principle that the theater can best fulfill its as an art form through the formation of integrated free theater bodies through the land . . .

A WORTHY ENDEAVOR

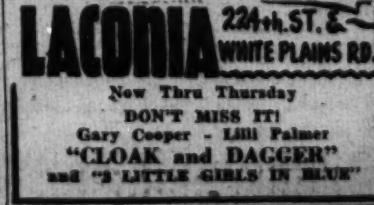
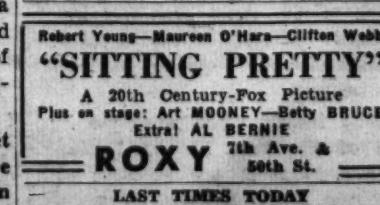
But, Senator Tenney's insult to world culture on Tuesday morning convinced me in a flash that these hearings—which to begin with are an abridgement of the Bill of Rights—hardly constitute an arena in which to examine the sweet stuff of anybody's central spirit and conscience. For Tuesday morning it was baldly, unblushingly and officially read into the record here that it was subversive behavior for the Actors' Laboratory Theater to have produced plays by that giant Irish dramatist, Sean O'Casey, and the immortal Anton Chekhov!

It was this icy vulgarization of the Lab life (which I am here to defend against intimidation) this monstrous aggression of prejudice—on—the—march that has abruptly awakened me to the dangers inherent in my own naivete with respect to these hearings. I now see clearly the ultimate menace to all American culture that is represented through the repugnant procedures of the Thomases and the Tenneys! American culture can ill afford to take this invasion of rights sitting down.

And so, my "long" statement instantly shriveled and shrank to a wise-crack which is all the occasion deserves . . . "Point of order, Mr. Tenney, Anton Chekhov is perhaps more than subversive, I hear he's been a hallowed member of the underground since the turn of the century."

How I wish some comic would make songs about these things so that all Americans could hoot and howl all the Tenneys out of politics and into a more suitable business—say pressure cookers—for the lid screws on tighter in that game.

"Go See 'Spring'! A fine film."—HERB TANK, DW



Theatre

Equity Library Theatre, in association with the John Golden Fund, will present Hamlet, by William Shakespeare for four performances beginning March 16. Evening performances will be on the 6th, 17th and 18th at 8 p.m. A special matinee will be given on Friday the 19th for actors.

Headed by Harold Young, the British actor, who is best known for his work in Oscar Wilde, Richard III and In Time to Come, the cast will include the following: Katherine Calee, Aiden Turner, Richard Newton and Edmund Whitner. The play is being stage managed by Jose Vega and George Drew in charge of costumes.

A number of prominent people of the theatre will inspect the new five-story home of the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre, 340 E. 54 St., at 4:30 this afternoon (Tuesday, March 16) and then will watch the students give their late-winter demonstration in the school's auditorium. Among those expected to be present are Helen Hayes, Theresa Helburn, Gertrude Macy, Donald Oenslager, Efrom Zimbalist, Robert Whitehead, George Freedley, John Gielgud, Homer Fickett, Rosamond Gilder, Robert Rose, Mary Hunter, Dorothy Sands, Arnold Weissburger, Oliver Rea, Martha Graham, Whitford Kane, Roberta Jonay.

Show of The Month News, a new theatrical publication, will be on sale starting with the March issue at newsstands in the Broadway sector. Lou Cooper edits the magazine which includes news of forthcoming plays, comment, cartoons and interviews. The March issue features "The New Look for Theatre Parties," an article on the theatre party phenomena and a humorous article on ticket buying, "Fifth Row Center," illustrated by cartoonist Melville Bernstein. Show of The Month News sells for 10¢ per copy or \$1.00 for a yearly subscription.



On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney

Last B. B. Scribes' Luncheon

YOU MAY BE happy to know that it was the final luncheon meeting of the Basketball Writers Association. From here on in I have to really work on a column for Tuesday's paper (as well as buy my own Monday lunch—from Leone's to Benny's). Will skip the formal speeches and stuff and pass along a few little items picked up chatting with visiting coaches, newspapermen et al.

First, Texas coach Jack Gray, in answer to a direct question, said he was the one who gave the order for his team to take a foul shot with two minutes to go and Texas leading NYU by four points. (They missed the foul and the roof fell in on them). "I'd play it the same way the next time," he said with a trace of impatience at the smug universality of the criticism. "We have a 72 percent average of foul shots, the best in the country. A successful shot put us five ahead, or three goals. Even if we missed the foul we had a decent percentage of getting it back off the boards."

He said the boys were quite heartsick about losing. And how did he compare NLU with CCNY earlier this year. No hesitation. "Oh, CCNY is the better team I think. And so do the players. They have a terrific sustained attack. We thought we were lucky to hang on and beat them."

Anybody at CCNY feel better? No???? Well, wait till next year, boys.

A St. Louis scribe at my table told me about the game in which St. Louis beat Notre Dame at South Bend—first time anybody had negotiated that little matter in thirty eight games. There is a little foot high fence separating the players' benches from the court. Big Marv Shatzman, St. Loo's awkward looking but productive substitute, was so anxious to get at Notre Dame that when Coach Ed Hickey gave him the signal to go in he raced, head high, to report, tripped over the barrier and landed with a crash on the court.

The roars of laughter must have made him mad. Inside of three minutes he pitched four of his one hand shots and made all four to break St. Louis into a

ten point lead which Notre Dame could never quite overcome.

THE VICTORY, incidentally, was the main banner headline on page one of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, which gives some idea of the interest folks out that way have in their home bred basketball team. The St. Louis Bombers, pro members of the B. A. A., scratch for customers, but the college team can't find enough seats. The St. Louis scribe also mentioned the fact that "Time" Magazine had never retracted the fast and Luce article about the St. Louis team in which the scribe, to make his story more "Timesy," blithely wrote that St. Louis had recruited its basketball team from all over the land, in order to get into the big time.

"The boys on the team don't read that magazine any more," the scribe said. "Every one of them comes from a St. Louis high school."

Whitey Kachan of De Paul is one of two of the Chicagoans who wore unbreakable glasses, with an elastic band around their head to keep the specs from being knocked off. "Look out, four eyes!" his North Carolina State guard heckled periodically. Though he's been hearing that for years, Kachan got a little sore after a while. "Go back to the hills of Carolina," was the best he could do. "They don't even have eye glasses there yet." "I know," snapped back the Carolina guard, "Ain't it awful? I'm from Gary Indiana myself."

Outside the Garden building a lone picket marched up and down before the entrance to the bowling alleys. He was a pin boy. "All the dough the Garden takes in," he said, "And the bowling alleys in the building can't give the pinboys a decent shake!"

Salt Lake City's Eckers also showed power when they disposed of the Albuquerque, N. M., Athletic Club, 76 to 40.

Lockman will have to fight it out for the other two spots.

Lockman is the speedy, heavy-hitting ball hawk who was the sensation of the Giant camp this time last spring. However, he suffered a broken leg in an exhibition game just a few days before the opening of the season and didn't see action in a single regular game. Now he's rounding into shape again.

And so it goes down the line—hitting promising, infield promising, outfield promising—but manager Ott promises nothing—not without those pitchers, all the way.

Everyone Agrees All the Giants Need to Win Is Some Pitching

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 15 (UP).—It was the same old cry in the New York Giant camp today: "All we need is pitchers."

From club president Horace Stoneham down to the greenest bat boy, the opinion was that the Polo Grounders are strong enough for pennant contention everywhere except on the mound.

Mel Ott, entering his seventh season as manager of the Giants and still seeking the club's first National League pennant since 1937, is specific. He thinks he needs just two top-grade hurlers to back up Larry Jansen, who won 20 games as a rookie, Dave Koslo, Monty Kennedy, Ray Poat and Clint Hartung.

It's not that even all those geniuses represent a bevy of Bob Fellers, but Ott thinks they do have the promise to give him the nucleus of a good staff. Hartung, for example, only won nine games last season—but he was out a full month in mid-season after getting a late start in the spring.

Elsewhere, all is glory with the Giants. Practically the entire 1947 club, which finished fourth, has

returned—with reinforcements. According to Ott, the club has more good, heavy-hitting outfielders than it can use.

The big three of the Giant hunt parade, which set a new major league home run of 221, looks in top shape on the basis of spring training so far. Johnny Mize, who clubbed 51 homers, says he's now after Babe Ruth's major league mark of 60. And both fly hawk Willard Marshall and catcher Walker Cooper hope to push him all the way.

Ott's infield could develop into one of the best in the National League. Mize is set at first with probably Billy Rigney at second. Buddy Kerr has ended his holdout in time to play short and last year's freshman star, Jack Lohrke is a third.

Marshall in right is the only man assured of a regular outfield berth. Sid Gordon, Lloyd Gearnhart, Bobby Thomson, Joe Lafata and Whitey

Swiss Socialist Urges United Action with CP

ZURICH, March 15 (Telepress)—In view of the offensive of capitalist reaction, we must fight the enemies of the working class together with the Communist Party," declared Jules Humbert-Droz, general secretary of the Swiss Socialist Party, at a public meeting here.

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EX-CCNY SLUGGER WITH SAN DIEGO

Danny Perlmuter, slugging CCNY outfielder of last season, is currently impressing Manager Rip Collins of the San Diego Padres at the Coast League team's training camp. Danny is a left-handed powerhitter who was rated New York's best collegiate prospect in a long while.

Also getting an extended tryout with the San Diego team is John Ritchey, first Negro to be signed by a Pacific Coast League team.

B'klyn P.O. 5 Upsets Fur JB. Leads League

The Brooklyn Postoffice basketball team knocked off the mighty Furriers Joint Council 53-46 to climax a surprise drive to the top of the Labor Sports Federation basketball race at Seward Park High.

Herb Robinson, Al Esposito and Bill Holmes starred for the winners, scoring 15, 13 and 11 respectively. McQueen of LIU, who works in the postoffice part time, played his usual fine floor game.

For the Furriers, Foster led with nine points. It was a sizzling game easily comparable in caliber of play to many college games. The Postoffice, with a big following, is the surprise team in the labor race and will now be favored in the playoffs.

Phillips 66 Off Winging in AAU

DENVER, March 15 (UP).—Eight more amateur basketball quintets from widely separated parts of the United States were sidelined here today as the National AAU tournament swung into the second day of action.

Phillips 66, the defending champions of the tourney, held the spotlight in the early morning and afternoon games as they waltzed to an easy 98 to 44 victory over the American Legion of Galva, Kan.

The game was never close. The Oilers, who have won the tourney the past five years and are favored again this year, tried desperately to cross the century mark in the closing minutes. But the Galva five knew they were done for and elected to stall the ball and keep the score below 100.

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Dead Letter Awakens

RANDOLPH, Vt. (UP).—Nearly 26 years after his father mailed it, a letter has been received from the postal department's dead-letter office by Harrison H. Hayward, Jr. The letter, containing a statement for \$3 for professional services, was addressed by his father, Dr. Harrison H. Hayward, since deceased, to a patient.

Stanky Blasts Rickey, Leo

Bitter 2nd Sacker Says He Was Traded Because of His Wage Fight

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R., March 15 (UP).—Blue eyes snapping, scrappy Eddie Stanky today charged that he had been "knifed in the back" by manager Leo Durocher

Reds Rate B'klyn Rookie High

Warren Giles, General Manager of the Cincinnati Reds, discloses that the men who toured the sticks in 1947 for major league timber agreed that Brooklyn rookie Duke Snider is the best prospect they saw.

"I don't know whether the Dodgers are interested in getting rid of him," he said, "but if they are there is one thing I can tell you and that is that the Reds will better any other deal they can make with any other major league club for Snider."

Snider, who will not reach his 21st birthday until this coming Sept. 26, hit .316 with the Dodgers' farm club at St. Paul last year. His 85 hits included 41 for extra bases, 12 of them being round trippers. "The scouts are agreed that he can run, field, throw and hit," Giles said.

Snider hits left handed but throws right. He stands six feet two and weighs 175 pounds. In spite of Giles' enthusiasm, he has been sent to the Dodger school to "learn the strike zone."

Tex Looks Good

Boxox manager Joe McCarthy has expressed happy surprise over the stuff shown by pitcher Tex Hughson, whose arm operation seems a complete success.

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In This Corner...

By Bill Mardo

Hunch Confirmed

THE TIP OFFERED here that Roy Campanella would NOT come up to Brooklyn as a converted outfielder has been confirmed in private strategem huddles among Rickey and his aides in Ciudad Trujillo. The outfield experiment didn't last too long—and didn't make much sense. The Dodgers have more skilled outfield candidates than they know what to do with, and it was hardly feasible to add Roy to the weeding out muddle when he is potentially the best catcher in baseball. Neither Bobby Bragan or Gil Hodges were the ideal choices behind Bruce Edwards—but more than that—Campy, as I've said time and again, may very well take over Bruce's varsity berth. There's much in Campy's favor—catlike baserunning speed which Edwards doesn't have, a throwing whip rated better than anything in the major circuit, of course, that loud smoking bat.

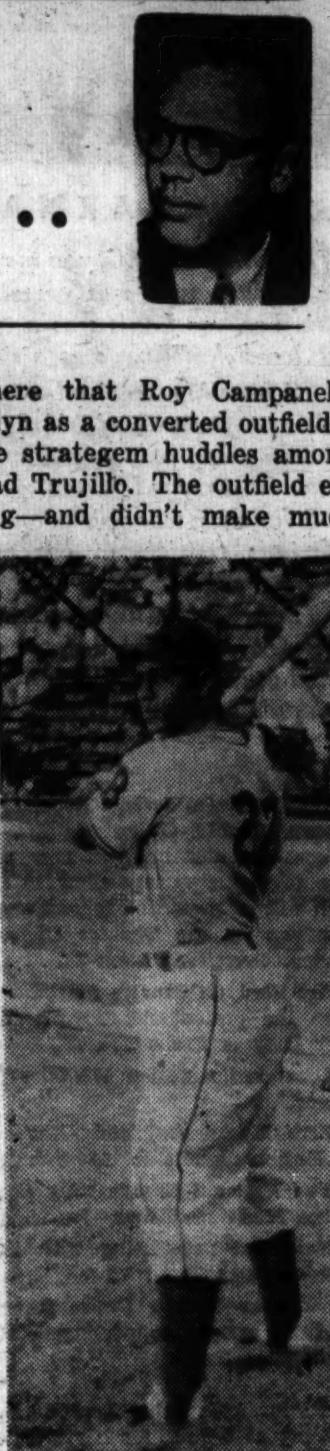
THE N. Y. SUN copy desk pulled a beautiful boner. A big sports page head says: "Joe Louis' Punches Lack Zest." But the story is all about Louis's difficulty keeping his British sparring mates. Joe's punching too hard and his helpers don't turn up for the next show.

WHAT TO DO with Sid Gordon? Big Giant dilemma. With Whitey Lockman rounding into workmanlike shape the Ottos' outfield shapes up Thomson, Lockman and Marshall. Now Gordon (Brooklyn-born, that's what hurts) has as his only hope the third-base job still the possession of Lucky Lohrke. Lohrke wasn't quite lucky enough at bat last season and will have to raise the average to hold the hot corner. If not, that's where Gordon may sneak back into the picture again.

DICK WHITMAN tagging the ball in Spring sessions, and the Brooklyn board is still mighty high on the outfielder they sent back to Montreal for further schooling last year. . . . Ditte Erv Palica, the 6'1 California righthander whose knuckler, no less, has Durocher raving. . . .

PRICE SCALE for Louis-Wallcott is 5 to 50 bucks. Now you know what brought Mike Jacobs up from Florida last week. When it comes to settling the big ones the ailing promoter leaves nothing to doubt. Doubt—another name for Sol Strauss. . . .

One of the boys in our composing room wants an early A. L. pennant pick from this corner. I'm sure he knows the final score of that Sunday Yank-Bosox



CAMPANELLA

game as well as I do. . . .

Buddy Kerr isn't revealing the terms he signed for—but the big grin on his face doesn't quite add up to a victory for Horace Stoneham. "Ultimatums" be damned! . . .

Cerdan can have the May 21 or 28 Garden date . . . and here's hoping he's fed a tough one this time. Anyone as crafty and potent as the Casablanca shouldn't be fatted on a cheese diet. . . .

Fort Worth fans walked out on the 31st episode of the Kramer-Riggs tennis epic. Jack had already taken two love sets from Bobby when the exodus began. Fans and scribes felt Riggs wasn't trying. Can hardly believe that. Truth is, youth and power have begun to tell. Riggs is a money-wise little man and has absolutely nothing to gain next year if he takes a trouncing from Kramer.

Hey, whatever happened to those table tennis champs who used to play the Loew's State every so often? I'm just about ready for an encore, gentlemen. Pingpong's my game.

To Expand Ebbets Field

Walter F. O'Malley, vice-president of the Brooklyn Dodgers said today that the noted architect, Norman Bel Geddes, had submitted plans for a streamlined enlarged Ebbets Field to be erected on the present site, rather than build a brand new stadium elsewhere.

Commenting on reports that the club intended to build a new stadium in the downtown Brooklyn, O'Malley said "the rumor is not substantially correct."

"Bel Geddes has submitted an interesting 'study' of what could be

done at the present Ebbets Field site," he said. "The total cost of construction would exceed \$6,000,000.

"We appreciate that the Brooklyn fans are entitled to more seats in a new modern stadium but it just does not seem possible in the near future."

Phelan to Coach Dons

LOS ANGELES, March 15 (UP).—The Los Angeles Dons pro football club today ended a four-month search for a coach by announcing the signing of Jimmy Phelan of St. Mary's.

Phelan long had been sought by the Dons and was rumored the first choice of the All-America Conference club since Dudley De Groot resigned in mid-season.

But the peppery Phelan reportedly declined offer after offer until he no longer could afford to refuse. Terms of the contract were not disclosed but a Don spokesman said it was for a three-year period.

Phelan comes to the Dons after seven seasons at St. Mary's, 11 years at University of Washington and eight at Purdue.

Ted Shipkey and Mel Hein, who handled the Dons after De Groot resigned, are being retained as assistant coaches but two more assistants will be named later.

Phelan, equally versed in the T-formation and the single wing system, was expected to install the latter. With Herman Wedemeyer and Glenn Dobbs in the backfield, the Dons have two top-notchers for that method of play as well as an outstanding T-formation quarterback in Charley O'Rourke.

Nats' Big 3 To Hurl Today

ORLANDO, March 15 (UP).—Having experimented with his rookies, manager Joe Kuhel will give his regulars a chance tomorrow when the Washington Senators tackle the Cincinnati Reds in Tampa.

Kuhel announced he would fire a trio of his ace moundsmen—early Wynn, generally expected to hurl the opener against the Yanks April 19, Sid Hudson, and Mickey Haefner.

Results, Entries, Al's Picks

TROPICAL RESULTS

FIRST—1 1/16 miles; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2400.	Loyal Valley K.	106 Kankeekee	111
Alldeeds . . . (Peabody) 4.70 3.90 2.70	"Hard Blast"	114 "Hwick"	106
Stater . . . (Caffarella) 6.70 4.80	"Charles Bryce"	108 "Silver Label"	108
Sparkette . . . (Jasperon) 5.70	Aistimu	119 Arthur J.	113
Also ran—Ironsweep, Anne Again, Carey Street, Expediter, Secret, Risky Lad, Port Maru and Get Good. Time—1:47 3/5.	"Gans" Grier	103 Court Ace	116
SECOND—6 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2400.	"Bulmont"	106 "River Light"	108
Albatross . . . (Knapp) 27.00 9.50 6.30	"Eternal Love"	104 Adorant	114
Sweepgold . . . (Woodhouse) 7.50 6.10	"Barbara's Girl"	103 Atomic Energy	117
Instanter . . . (Gross) 9.10	Dai Yit	116 "Allison"	108
Also ran—Judge Davey, Conservateur, Oldier, Swing Maid, Hogan, Kopia, Bracket, Lady Apple and Hillsun. Time—1:12 1/5.	SECOND—6 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2400.	106 "Peabody"	111
THIRD—6 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2500.	War Blaze	115 "Free Flight"	110
Count Did . . . (Corona) 8.30 4.60 3.20	Uncle Edgar	110 "High Style"	117
Broad Margin . . . (Cook) 5.80 3.70	Charm Prince	115 "Gray Brook"	115
Forum . . . (Peabody) 2.90	Jacolee	117 "Workans"	110
Also ran—She's Home, One Blue, Valdina Senora and Florist. Time—1:11.	"Lucky Josey"	115 Joy Road	115
FOURTH—6 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2500.	Film Editor	115 "Loose Horse"	120
My Margie . . . (Layton) 36.10 12.80 6.90	Beauteous	112 "Brenzo"	105
Victim . . . (Stagmayer) 7.20 4.40	"Frankie D."	110 "Ice Cap"	117
Rewarde . . . (Woodhouse) 5.80	THIRD—4 1/2 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2,500.	106 "Frigid"	108
Also ran—Sir Spic, Tucy Toy, Syntet and Tiger Tom. Time—1:11 4/5.	War Blaze	115 "Free Flight"	110
FIFTH—6 furlongs; allowances; 4-year-olds and up; \$2500.	Uncle Edgar	110 "High Style"	117
Eternal Star . . . (Cook) 5.30 2.80 2.50	Charm Prince	115 "Gray Brook"	115
Magnolia . . . (Jasperon) 3.10 2.80	Jacolee	117 "Workans"	110
One Atom . . . (Brinson) 3.70	"Lucky Josey"	115 Joy Road	115
Also ran—Weak Effort, Valkarine, Jackson, Delmore, I Did, Hip Hoeray and Golden Sky. Time—1:11 4/5.	Film Editor	115 "Loose Horse"	120
SIXTH—1 3/16 miles; allowances; 4-year-olds and up; \$3500.	BEAUTEOUS	112 "Brenzo"	105
Eternal Star . . . (Cook) 5.30 2.80 2.50	THIRTY—6 furlongs; allowances; 3-year-olds and up; \$2,500.	110 "Frigid"	108
Magnolia . . . (Jasperon) 3.10 2.80	Lady Carrie	107 Wormald	115
One Atom . . . (Brinson) 3.70	Grateful	107 Jobie	115
Also ran—Moldy Attendant, Sublime and Golden Sky. Time—1:11 4/5.	John's Date	112 Connie Sam	107
SEVENTH—1 1/16 miles; 3-year-olds and up; \$3,000.	Slamish	112 Green Isle	107
Red Flag . . . (Cook) 8.20 3.70 2.40	Glory's Chance	112	112
Rush Hour . . . (Sisto) 6.40 4.00	FOURTH—6 furlongs; allowances; 4-year-olds and up; \$3,000.	106 "Hot and High"	115
Heath Fire . . . (Porch) 2.40	"Hot and High"	108 Big and Better	115
Also ran—Night Tour, Dusky Tiger, Grand Canal, Auto Boro and Farmington. Time—1:46 4/5.	Speedy Lee	108 "Meat"	102
EIGHTH—1 1/8 miles; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2400.	Profano	113 "Crack Reward"	104
Wise Tiger (MacAndrew) 12.30 6.50 4.80	Yankee Hill	117 Miss Belltro	108
Devil's Island . . . (Duff) 7.40 5.20	SEVENTH—1 1/8 miles; allowances; 4-year-olds and up; \$2,500.	106 "Hot and High"	115
Curlier . . . (Chestnut) 8.30	Colosal	119 Love Sonnet	110
Also ran—Little Husky, Pete's Kid, Mattie Brown, Happy Haste, Heartiest, War Edict and Anako. Time—1:54 4/5.	Stud Poker	122 "Danny J."	105
TROPICAL ENTRIES	Daralot	116 Kingarvie	116

SEVENTH—About 1 1/4 miles; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2,500.

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ELEVENTH—1 1/8 miles; allowances; 4-year-olds and up; \$2,500.

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CIO Packing Workers Set to Strike Today

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—President Truman tonight invoked the Taft-Hartley Act in an attempt to avert a strike of 100,000 CIO Packing House Workers scheduled to start at midnight. But a union spokesman said he was uncertain whether the presidential move would succeed.

Truman invoked the Taft-Hartley Act, appointed a fact-finding board to investigate the dispute and report to him by April 1. He sent telegrams to the union and packing company officials asking them to hold off the strike and continue negotiations until the board reports.

If the union rejects the request, it could strike until April 1, without violating the law. But after the fact-finding board reports, Truman could invoke another Taft-Hartley provision and obtain an 80-day injunction forbidding a strike while government negotiators try to settle the dispute.

MEET WITH CONCILIATORS

Union officials went into conference with federal conciliators shortly after Truman's action was announced. Packing officials also conferred with conciliators.

By Ruby Cooper

CHICAGO, March 15.—With the refusal of the big packers to accept the union's offer to arbitrate the wage issues, the nationwide strike of 100,000 CIO Packinghouse Workers was scheduled to begin at 12:01 tonight.

The union's readiness to arbitrate the wage dispute was "a demonstration of our earnest willingness to find a solution of the issues in controversy without being compelled to resort to strike action," Ralph Helstein, union president said here today.

"The companies have shown no disposition to seriously bargain on the wage issue," he added. "They have consistently refused to offer proposals or counter-proposals above a figure they arbitrarily imposed."

The union is asking a 29-cent-hour wage increase, although it indicated earlier it was willing to accept 19-cents in an effort to avert the strike. The packers have steadfastly stood by their 9-cent token wage raise offer.

HITS ARBITRATION REFUSAL

A statement issued here today by Catholic Bishop Bernard J. Shell hit the packers' turn down of the union's arbitration offer. He declared that the union's proposal "is just one point of a mass of evidence proving their sincerity and the justice of their position."

"The meat packers, I regret to say, seem to be a generation behind the times," Bishop Shell said. "Their profits for the past year makes their present position untenable."

"If the government should issue an injunction it should be not against the packing house workers, but against the packers pressing them into collective bargaining."

SEE T-H INJUNCTION

The arrogance of the big packers' stand is based to a considerable extent on hopes that President Truman will come to their rescue with an injunction against the strike under provisions of the Taft-Hartley law.

Reports that workers in plants throughout the country had walked out in advance of tonight's strike deadline could not be confirmed at union offices here. "We well understand the feelings of our rank and file in this battle, but we have not received any such reports," a union spokesman told the Daily Worker.

Efforts by the packers to pro-

voke violence during the strike were seen in their submission today to Police Commissioner Prendergast quote union leaders as threatening of alleged stenographic minutes of a union meeting purporting to violence.

ASSIGN 2,000 COPS

This was immediately followed with an announcement by Prendergast that one-third of the entire Chicago police force was being assigned to strike duty. Three details of 826 police each will be on duty around the clock, with additional reserves held at nearby police stations, he declared.

"The police Department will preserve law and order," Mayor Martin Kennelly, who is a member of the board of directors of Wilson & Co., packers, said. "Anyone who wants to enter the stockyards will be given police protection."

TO HOLD RALLY

Meanwhile, a huge rally of packing house workers was scheduled here for tonight, an hour before the strike deadline. The workers will march from union headquarters to the packing plants area where they will be joined by night shift workers on the picket line to be set up.

Public support for the strike mounted here as a group of prominent citizens met today to form a committee to aid the strike. The Back of the Yards Council, made up of church, business, fraternal and labor groups in Packingtown, announced it was fully behind the strike.

"We're supporting the packing house workers and their strike to the limit," Father Plawinski, council vice-president, told the Daily Worker.

FARMERS BACK STRIKE

The National Farmers Union pledged its full support to the nation-wide packinghouse strike in a resolution adopted by its board of directors.

Despite the bigger profits piled up by the meat-packing trust, the res-

olution said, it is "forcing their employees to strike" for an adequate wage increase.

It denounced the "tremendous power" wielded by the packing trust whose four big companies "control the purchasing and processing of over half the livestock of America."

"In recent months farmers have seen new demonstrations of this tremendous power of the packing monopoly. The packers led the campaign against effective price controls which helped jar the economy of the nation into the path of runaway inflation."

"These packer policies have now resulted in serious depletion of foundation livestock herds with the added serious curtailment of the nation's meat potential," it declared. "Profiteering in the industry gouges farmers, workers and consumers alike."

It offered full support to the striking packing-house workers so that those "who pack meat may also eat meat" and urged all farm leaders to "lend active assistance to the packing-house workers in their attempt to achieve adequate living standards."

The resolution commended the union for releasing the strike date in advance to help farmers adjust their livestock marketing and urged all farmers to keep their livestock off the market "as long as the strike lasts."

South African Fascist Backs Hitler Racism

JOHANNESBURG, March 15 (Telepress).—"The idea of race purity as expounded by Adolf Hitler has my full support," South African fascist leader, Louis T. Weichardt, said here at a meeting to celebrate his silver wedding.

Weichardt, leader of the Greyshirts, now the White Workers' Party, said that wars between European powers were conducted "only and always to benefit Jewry."

House Gets Bill to Persecute Organizations on Clark List

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 15.—A new anti-Communist bill, which is supposed to meet the requirements of constitutionality laid down by Attorney General Clark, was introduced in the House today by Rep. Karl Mundt (R-S.D.). It is patterned along the lines suggested to the House un-American subcommittee by Morris Ernst, New York attorney.

The bill is entitled the "Communist Front Organization Registration Act."

It would require the Communist Party and all organizations designated by the Attorney General as Communist fronts to file publicly lists of their membership and officers, as well as financial transactions.

Section 6 of the bill would compel all organizations so designated to imprint on all material sent through the mails the declaration that it was "disseminated by a Communist front organization."

Section 7 would make it unlawful for any member of a "Communist

front organization" to seek or accept employment under the government.

WOULD BAN PASSPORTS

Section 8 would make it unlawful to apply for or receive a passport.

Section 9 would instruct the Attorney General to determine whether an organization is a "Communist front" after an investigation in which hearings would be held and the accused organization permitted to testify. Witnesses and documents could be subpoenaed.

Under section 10, the organization could appeal the Attorney General's ruling to the U. S. Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia, provided it acted within 60 days after the Attorney General ruled. If the Appellate Court supported the Attorney General, the organization would then have recourse only to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Penalties for violating any section of the act would vary from \$2,000 to \$5,000 fine and imprisonment of two to five years.



By BARNARD RUBIN

MAX SCHMELING, you may recall, was the German prize-fighter who was certain he was going to beat Joe Louis because Louis was a member of an "inferior" race and he, Schmeling, was a member of the "master" race.

Schmeling received a personal telegram from Adolf Hitler on the eve of his fight with Louis.

Schmeling was a publicized supporter of the Nazi armed forces.

Schmeling was also a commandant of the notorious Ossieczyn concentration camp during the war.

Today Schmeling is working with the U.S. Army Second Infantry Division stationed at Nuernberg "helping" out with that division's sports program....

TOWN TALK

Ira Gershwin, Jerome Robbins, Marc Blitzstein, Harold Rome, Yip Harburg, Donald Ogden Stewart, Jerome Chodorov and other top-notchers in show business now working on songs, skits and dances for a two-hour variety show to be called Show Time for Wallace, which will be presented for six weekend performances at Cafe Society Downtown by the Theatre Division of the Progressive Citizens of America. Premiere March 29....

Art Ford (Milky's Matinee)—he was disc jockeying a long time before the present mania) planning to go into film production in either Italy or France....

Local radio station WNYC reported looking for a new program director....

Zero Mostel completely lost his voice recently while performing in a Boston night club. Must undergo an operation....

The National Broadcasting Company is preparing an early peace with the Musicians Union—for television....

Toscanini negotiating with the above network for a series of television operas....

Streetcar Named Desire star Marlon Brando joined the many Broadway people supporting Wallace—with a nice financial contribution....

Art for Art's Sake: Jean Blain, bit player, was right on the nose yesterday at 8 a.m., for her stint in the Eagle-Lion's movie Lady at Midnight. She reported to make-up, and at 9 checked in hairdressing. Now she was ready. At 4:20 she did her one scene and was free to go. It was a leg close-up walking down stairs....

Jack Paar is being peddled in a new radio program by Jack Benny's Amusement Enterprises....

Helen Hayes turned down the Laurette Taylor role in the movie version of The Glass Menagerie....

Reader's Digest editor DeWitt Wallace recently requested famed French writer Luis Aragon to write an article for his magazine on the subject, "The Most Interesting Character I Have Met."

Pay: \$2,000 (240,000 francs).

Aragon wrote the article—but not for Reader's Digest.

It appears in the April issue of Masses and Mainstream—off the press this week....

FEAR

Because more than 80 members of Congress refused to debate Sen. Glen Taylor, third party vice-presidential candidate, on the air last week, the Mutual Broadcasting System was forced to cancel its scheduled Opinion-Aire show.

Taylor was ready to go on. In addition to the debating, Taylor was due for questioning by newspapermen and radio commentators.

Besides the Congressmen who backed out, top AFL and CIO leaders as well as Wilson Wyatt and Leon Henderson, leaders of the anti-Wallace so-called Americans for Democratic Action, were also unwilling to appear.

The topic for debate: The Third Party....

More signs of the times: Dropped into one night club last week (initials R.R.) for the opening of its new show. Not even one cash customer in the joint (a lot of other clubs didn't have many more)....

SUBTLE

It was an important movie in the making. The whole production had stalled because of a difficulty with the script, and the delay was costing the studio thousands of dollars.

In the story, the husband had fallen out of love with his wife, and there was disagreement as to how this suggestion could best be ported.

The producers called in one high salaried writer, who wrote four pages of beautiful dialogue, but that was too long. Then they called in another writer, who penned two pages of biting wordage, but that was also too long.

Finally, the producer had an inspiration. He called in a type-writer-tapper who'd been scripting for films for 25 years—long before celluloid had found its tongue. "It's a cinch," he said. "I'll show you how we'll do it."

And this is the way they did it in the final shooting: the husband and wife were riding down in an elevator. On the sixth floor, a young girl entered the car—and the husband removed his hat....

Report Nazi Officers in Franco Legion

PARIS: March 15 (Telepress).—The Spanish Republican radio Pyrenaica reports that German officers and members of Legrille's funds to maintain and train 800 former Belgian fascist forces who are hiding in Spain are being recruited into the Spanish Foreign Legion for service in Spanish Morocco. Some of them are, however, being attached to Spanish units guarding the French-Spanish frontier. Pyrenaica further reports that the Falange has set aside special Legion for service in Spanish Morocco. Some of them are, however, being attached to Spanish units guarding the French-Spanish frontier. Pyrenaica further reports that the Falange has set aside special